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79-year-old enjoys YMCA

Charleroi resident Ferdie Rach credits the Mon Valley YMCA with keeping him physically fit as he approaches his 80th birthday. **1C**

Pens beat Islanders

Center Ryan Whitney scored two goals to lead the Penguins past the visiting New York Islanders, 4-3, Thursday night. **1B**

Check's in the mail - soon

President Bush indicate he will sign economic aid plan that would rush rebates of $600 to $1,200 to most taxpayers.

By ANDREW TAYLOR and JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON — Congress, facing the prospect of an election-year recession, passed an emergency plan Thursday that rushes rebates of $600 to $1,200 to most taxpayers and $300 checks to disabled veterans, the elderly and other low-income people. President Bush indicated he would sign the measure.

House passage by a 380-34 vote came a few hours after Senate leaders ended a drawn-out stalemate over the bill.

Still, by congressional standards, lawmakers approved the legislation with exceptional speed to jolt the weak economy.

All four federal lawmakers who represent the Mid-Mon Valley - U.S. Sens. Arlen Specter and Robert Casey and U.S. Reps. John Murtha and Tim Murphy - voted in favoe of the economic stimulus program.

The plan, which adds $168 billion to the deficit over two years, is intended to provide cash for people to spend and tax relief for businesses to make new investments — boosts for an economy battered by a housing downturn and credit crunch.

Rebate checks could begin arriving in May. They would be based on 2007 tax returns, which are due April 15.

The Senate's 81-16 vote capped more than a week of political maneuvering. The logjam broke when majority Democrats dropped their demand that rescue proposal offer jobless benefits, heating aid for the poor and tax breaks for the home building and energy industries.

GOP senators blocked those ideas, but agreed to add $300 rebates for older people and disabled veterans to a $161 billion measure the House passed last week.

Bush called the bill "robust, broad-based, timely, and it will be effective." The compromise, he said in a statement after the Senate acted, was "an example of bipartisan cooperation at a time when the American people most expect it."

The White House said Bush would sign the bill sometime next week.

The legislation would deliver rebates — $600 for individuals, $1,200 for couples — to most taxpayers, plus an additional $300 per child. Individuals making up to $75,000 a year and couples earning up to $150,000 would get the full rebate, with those making more than that or too little to owe taxes getting smaller checks.

People who paid no income taxes but earned at least $3,000 — including through Social Security or veterans' disability benefits — would get a $300 rebate.

"We believe the stimulus, the way it is targeted, will put money into the hands of those who will spend it immediately, injecting demand into the economy and therefore creating jobs," House

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McCain goes right

U.S. Sen. John McCain, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee with a history of clashing with his party's right flank, reached out to it Thursday during the annual Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington. **5A**

Pitt beats WVU

Pitt's Ronald Ramon, above, beat the final horn with a game-winning 3-pointer and No. 21 Pittsburgh rallied in the final minute to beat cold-shooting rival West Virginia, 55-54, Thursday night. **1B**

- Genevieve Frye, 90, of Addison, formerly of Bentleyville
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- Joseph M. Sabolcik, 62, of Vandalia, Ohio, formerly of Donora
- Mary Sholtis, 90, of Belle Vernon (Lynnwood)
- Robert A. Timko, of Fallowfield Township

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Valley Food

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Towns facing higher costs for routine street work

Case involving a Westmoreland County town may determine when communities must pay "prevailing wages."

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When tiny Youngwood decided to resurface five streets in 2005, the borough awarded the contract to the lowest bidder.

The former railroad town of 4,100 residents has only 1.3 miles of streets. Officials didn't give the routine maintenance project a second thought.

But after the work was completed, the state Department of Labor and Industry decided it was more than a simple resurfacing project that cities, boroughs and townships across the state undertake each year.

The department's Prevailing Wage Board ruled that the repaving amounted to reconstruction because the contractor used a milling machine to remove 3 1/2 inches of the old pavement. Milling the road before repaving is considered reconstruction, and the contractor should have paid his employees higher prevailing wages.

Mid-Mon Valley officials are aware of the costly situation and are working to avoid similar problems.

The Prevailing Wage Board's decision increased the cost of the $183,000 project by $15,000. Youngwood has a total budget of $668,000, according to borough secretary Diane Hague.

"For a budget the size of Youngwood's, it's significant," said borough Solicitor Gerald Yanity.

Youngwood filed a grievance with the Department of Labor and Industry. It lost, then appealed to Commonwealth Court, which ruled against the borough, saying that milling made the job a "construction" project subject to prevailing wage-rate laws.

The borough is appealing the decision to the state Supreme Court in a case that could have a far-ranging financial impact on municipalities' street paving plans across the state, say local and state officials.

The Prevailing Wage Act requires contractors handling publicly funded projects to pay employees a predetermined rate for certain classes of jobs if the projects cost more than $25,000. Those rates are greater than wages normally paid to workers on nonpublic projects.

The average hourly wage for laborers on paving projects runs from $12.50 to $28.05, depending on the region of the state, according to Ron Geist, of the Pennsylvania Associated Constructors, in Harrisburg.

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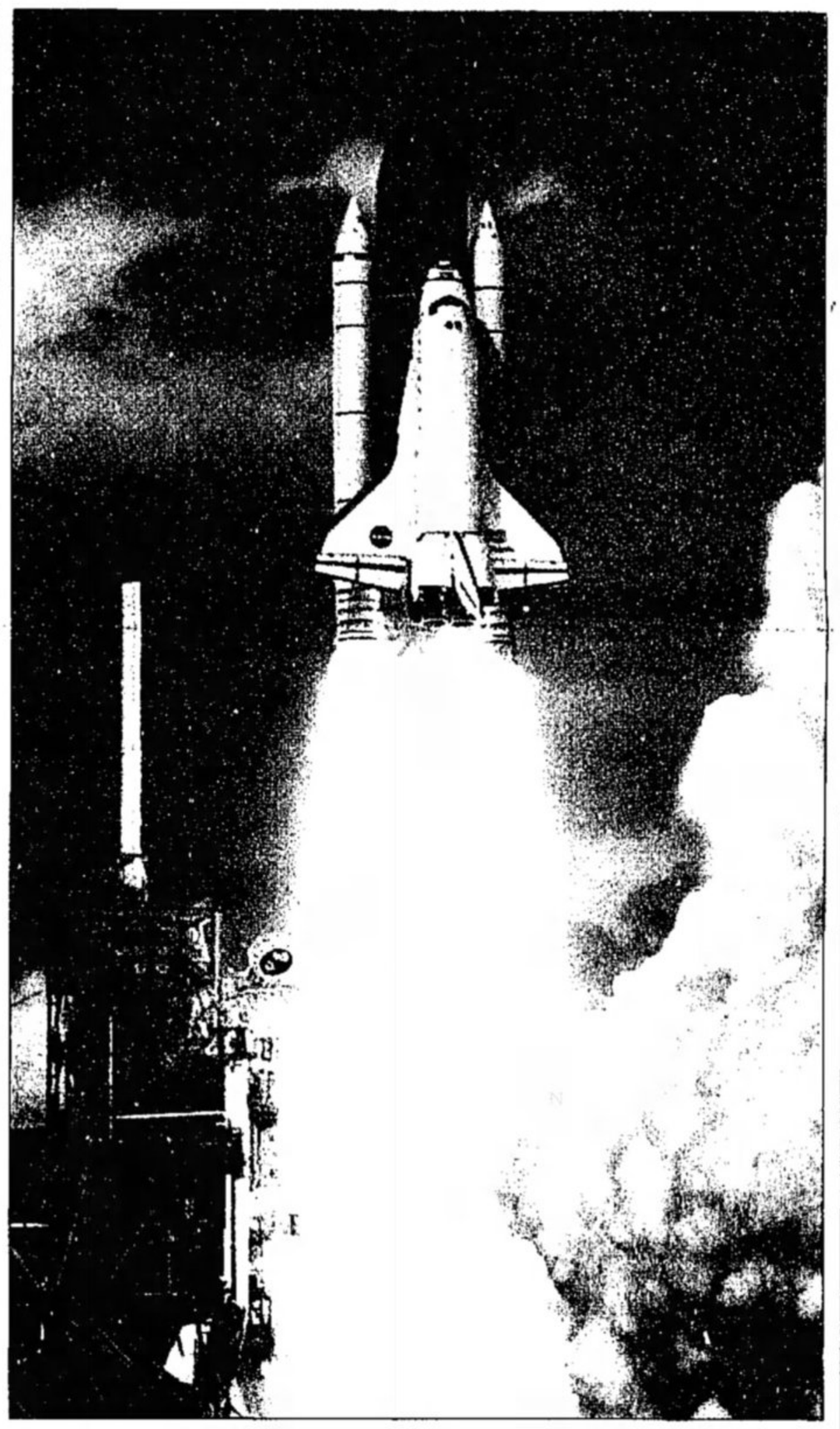

Associated Press
The space shuttle Atlantis leaves the launch pad during lift off Thursday at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Murtha bill ties war $$ to exit plan

Giving the White House the war funding it wants would require troop withdrawal by year's end.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A top Democrat said Thursday he is preparing legislation that would give President Bush the war funding he wants this year, but on the condition that troops leave Iraq by the end of the year.

Rep. John Murtha, the Johnstown Democrat whose district embraces much of the Mid-Mon Valley, said he'll propose that the House vote in March on the spending measure.

In addition to the troop withdrawal, Murtha, who chairs the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, he'll ask for other conditions such as that all deploying troops must be fully trained and equipped.

Similar bills scraped by on party line votes in the House last year only to fail in the Senate, where Democrats hold a more narrow margin of control and 60 votes are needed to overcome procedural hurdles.

Murtha, speaking to reporters following a speech to the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said he's confident this bill would pass the House, but he's not sure about the Senate.

Bush has requested about $189 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Congress has approved only about $87 billion, leaving the Defense Department $102.5 billion short for this budget year, which began Oct. 1.

Democratic leaders have said they believe the military has enough money to last through April.

Cuts sought for Westmoreland assessment board

Republican Commissioner Kim Ward will move to slash salaries and eliminate health benefits.

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A Westmoreland County commissioner will propose slashing the salaries and eliminating health benefits for three members of the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Commissioner Kim Ward said an annual salary of more than $51,000 for each of the full-time board members, along with unlimited vacation time, is too expensive for taxpayers. She pointed to neighboring counties that save costs by hiring board members on a part-time basis.

"At the next salary board meeting I will make a motion to reduce these salaries because of the time they are at work and what other counties are doing," Ward said.

Ward, a Republican who is serving her first term as commissioner, would have to find support from three Democrats on the salary board.

Last month, the *Tribune-Review*, a sister publication of *The Valley Independent*, reported that two members of the assessment board took more vacation than most county workers.

Records indicated longtime board member John Wilt took nearly 12 weeks of paid vacation in 2007, and board Chairwoman Barbara Moffe took more than eight weeks off. Both were reappointed to four-year terms in January.

A survey by the *Tribune-Review* found that Westmoreland County is the lone county in the region that uses full-time political appointees to hear property tax appeals. It also pays board members the highest salary among neighboring counties.

Appeals board members last year heard about 1,200 cases in Westmoreland County. They are required to attend six meetings a year to hear cases in which property owners are seeking exemptions from paying taxes.

In 2000, county commissioners changed the way the appeals board is compensated. Until then, the board members were considered county employees subject to its work rules, sick leave and vacation benefits.

New salaries were set, which included annual cost-of-living raises, and the appointees were given a benefits package that included medical, drug prescription, vision and life insurance, plus long-term disability and mileage reimbursement.

According to minutes from the Jan. 3, 2000, salary board meeting that authorized the change, board members specifically were exempted from county policies regarding vacations, sick and personal leave. Participation in the county's retirement system was made optional.

Ward said yesterday the financial package given to the appeals board members can no longer be justified.

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Wages (FROM PAGE ONE)

Prevailing wage rates range from $28.19 to $31.39 an hour, according to the state Prevailing Wage Board.

Forcing municipalities – many of them cash-strapped – to pay prevailing wages automatically increases the cost of projects by 30 percent, said Chris Cap, deputy executive vice president of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs in Harrisburg.

He said the ruling could affect many cities, townships and boroughs.

"This law simply does not reflect today's economic realities," he said.

It does reflect the way projects are let in the Mid-Mon Valley.

"On all of our contracts, when it's prevailing wage we let the contractor know," said Rostraver Township Commission Chairman Nick Lorenzo.

"Then it's investigated to make sure prevailing wage is paid."

Lorenzo said contractors normally are aware of prevailing wage regulations when bidding public projects.

Rob Phillips, community development specialist at the Washington County Redevelopment Authority, said the county always pays the federal prevailing wage outlined under the Davis-Bacon Act.

"We don't do repair work; we only do reconstruction work. So there's never a question," he said.

Local municipalities are required to pay the prevailing wage under state guidelines, Phillips said.

Local municipal officials said they understand the guidelines for prevailing wage.

Charleroi Borough Manager Bob Hogdson said the prevailing wage is figured into such major projects as the borough-wide stormwater and wastewater separation project. He said the borough goes through the redevelopment authority for larger projects.

Fallowfield Township Supervisor Donn Henderson said he dealt with the issue when, as Charleroi's Main Street Manager, he assisted commercial property owners in obtaining state Department of Community and Economic Development facade improvement grants.

Even though the grants totaled $5,000 to $10,000, the contractor was required to pay the prevailing wage if the total project exceeded $25,000, Henderson said.

Henderson said the question of whether to pay the prevailing wage should be "in the hands" of the contractor, not the municipality. He said virtually all contractors know about prevailing wage requirements.

Yesteryear

Pictured, from left, at a 1950 A&P Christmas party are Bob Young, Bob Guseman, Ted Reeves and Al Grillo. The photo was submitted by Young, who resides in Charleroi.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

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Rebates (FROM PAGE ONE)

Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., told colleagues.

The measure also includes steps to boost the ailing housing market. It would temporarily raise the limit on Federal Housing Administration loans and the cap on loans that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac can buy to $729,750.

The package was the product of a rare spate of bipartisan cooperation on Capitol Hill, where Democrats and Republicans teamed with the White House on a bill that fell far short of both parties' priorities but could draw broad consensus.

An early agreement forged by Pelosi and Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, along with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson enjoyed a fast and smooth ride through the House, with lawmakers loath to stand in the way of a plan that could address their constituents' economic worries in advance of November's elections.

But it bogged down in the closely divided Senate, where Democrats were determined to exact a political price from Republicans by forcing them into tough votes on whether to add popular items such as $14.5 billion in jobless aid for those whose unemployment benefits have run out, $1 billion in heating aid for the poor and tax breaks for energy companies, including coal producers.

Senate Democratic leaders paired those items with rebates for older Americans and disabled veterans and threatened that Republicans would have to accept them or risk being blamed for leaving those politically powerful groups out of the stimulus plan.

In the end, though, Democrats couldn't draw enough support for their $205 billion alternative to break a GOP filibuster blocking it.

The turnaround in the Senate came after Democrats on Wednesday fell just one vote short of overcoming the Republican objections and pressing ahead with their more costly plan.

They relented Thursday and allowed a vote on a more limited proposal that included the rebates for the elderly and veterans, plus language designed to prevent illegal immigrants from getting the checks.

"I could have played around with this and tried to pick up that 60th vote, but I made a commitment to get this bill done before (Feb. 15), and we did that," said Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

The retreat came after Pelosi sided with Republicans, including Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, and urged the Senate to stop its infighting and pass the bill.

Thirty-three Republicans joined 46 Democrats and the Senate's two independents to pass the measure. Sixteen Republican senators voted against the plan.

The two Democratic presidential candidates, Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York and Barack Obama of Illinois, skipped the vote. The Republican front-runner, Sen. John McCain of Arizona, cast his first vote of the year on the bill, voting "yes." McCain had missed the vote the evening before.

Reid defended his decision to try to pressure Republicans on the larger proposal by offering it as a take-it-or-leave-it proposition along with the rebates for the elderly and veterans. "I feel very strongly that we did the right thing," Reid said.

Democrats said Republicans would pay a political price for their opposition.

"If today (Republicans) are squirming because they voted 'no,' that's what democracy is all about," said New York Sen. Charles Schumer, the head of the Senate Democratic Campaign Committee. "The political chips will fall where they mBut Democratic Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said:

"Discretion is the better part of valor. The best thing for us to do is declare a big victory that we've achieved; namely, getting the rebate checks to 20 million seniors and 250,000 disabled veterans."

Some Republicans expressed reservations that the rebate checks would help much.

Other lawmakers worried about expanding the budget deficit.

"We have to remember that every dollar being spent on the stimulus package is being borrowed from our children. And our children's children," said Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., who voted against the bill.

Cuts (FROM PAGE ONE)

"These aren't full-time jobs. There's no requirement for that. Other counties don't function like that, so we shouldn't function like this," Ward said. "Our system is outdated, and it's costing the taxpayers a lot."

After consulting a private attorney, Ward concluded there was no legal basis to rescind the board members' appointments.

But she said the salary board could vote to change their pay.

The salary board is slated to meet on March 27. Voting on the issue, provided Ward garners a second to her motion, would be the three commissioners and Controller Carmen Pedicone.

Commissioner Tom Balya, a Democrat who supported the 2000 changes, yesterday defended the structure and said he would not vote to cut board members' salaries.

"No one has made an issue about this in eight years. I'm confident that there are counties around the state that do it the same as we do it. At this point, I'm not looking to cut those people's salaries, and I'm not sure it's (legally) possible," Balya said.

Balya suggested Ward's interest in the board came about only after she was denied an appointment. Balya and Democratic Commissioner Tom Ceraso in January fired Deborah Chiado, the board's lone Republican member.

Ward voted against the reappointment of Wilt and Moffe and the new appointment of William Ferraro, a Democrat.

Ceraso could not be reached for comment.

Pedicone, a Democrat, said he has made no decision about the appeals board.

"I have to do some research and see what other counties are paying. I want to hear the arguments, pro and con," Pedicone said.

Wilt, an appeals board member since 1983, declined to comment on Ward's proposal.

"I'm here to work and do the job. Everybody has an opinion about what we do. She's a county commissioner, and I work for her. I respect her opinion," Wilt said.

Moffe and Ferraro were out of the courthouse yesterday and unavailable for comment.

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Valley briefs

Six shots fired into Fayette house

Someone fired six rounds of ammunition into the front of a Fayette County house early Thursday morning, state police at Belle Vernon said.

The clip was emptied into a Luzerne house along Frick Street in the village of Hiller, sometime between 4:30 and 5 a.m.

Police said Brad Daugherty and Samantha Brown, of Hiller, and Frederick Daugherty, of Brownsville, were inside the house at the time of the shooting but were not injured.

Voter registration deadline March 24

March 24 is the deadline in Pennsylvania to register to vote in the April 22 primary for Republican and Democratic nominations for offices ranging from the state Legislature to president.

To qualify, a person must be a U.S. citizen for at least one month before the election, a resident of Pennsylvania and your election district for at least 30 days before April 22 and be at least 18 years old on the day of the primary.

To vote in the primary, a voter must register either as a Democrat or aRepublican.

Local nuptuals to air on CMT

The wedding of a Westmoreland County couple married as part of CMT's "My Big Redneck Wedding" cable television series will be aired at 9:30 p.m. Feb. 22.

Kelli Johnston and Ron Sarsfield, of Hunker, were married in the mud at a demolition derby in South Huntingdon in December.

More than 200 family members and friends attended the wedding and a reception at the Hunker fire hall.

"My Big Redneck Wedding" is a new show that "gives a whole new meaning to 'for better or worse,'" according to CMT publicists.

The show focuses on the "country's most down-home" couples as they make their way to the altar.

Student charged with school rapes

An Upper St. Clair High School student is charged in juvenile court with raping two female students in a secluded stairwell after hours.

Police Chief Ron Pardini said the male student raped one girl three times and another girl twice between November and Monday.

The male student is at the Shuman Juvenile Detention Center in Pittsburgh. His name is not being released because he's charged in juvenile court.

Police say school officials first learned of the attacks after one of the girls reported them on Tuesday.

Inspection closes Birmingham Bridge

Outbound lanes of the Birmingham Bridge in Pittsburgh are closed while PennDOT inspectors search for clues to a possible structural problem.

PennDOT spokesman Jim Struzzi says crews haven't confirmed there is a problem with the bridge.

The bridge connects Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood with the South Side and spans the Monongahela River.

Sidney L. Davis/For The Valley Independent

Members of the local chapter of PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) protest Thursday outside the KFC in Shadyside. In addition to having intern Chris Arellano dressed as a chicken, participants burned an effigy of KFC founder Colonel Sanders. The organization alleges the company's suppliers treat chickens inhumanely. KFC said it has an advisory panel and guidelines for its suppliers.

Jurors watch ex-coroner on video from Las Vegas

Tape gave jury at his public corruption trial an opportunity to observe Wecht in action.

By JASON CATO
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Former Allegheny County Coroner Dr. Cyril H. Wecht got up close and personal with jurors Thursday without leaving his seat.

The 12 jurors in his federal public corruption trial got a taste of Wecht's personality through a video performance in which he dismantled the magic-bullet theory of the Kennedy assassination and from examples of his notorious letters, including some of the poison-pen variety.

Wecht's lawyers played an excerpt from "The Three Sleuths" - performed in 2004 at a Las Vegas casino - in which Wecht, Dr. Henry Lee and Dr. Michael Baden, all noted forensic scientists, portrayed real-life versions of Sherlock Holmes, Charlie Chan and Colombo.

In the video, Wecht rants about the government using two pathologists with no gunshot-wound experience "to perform the most important autopsy in the history of the world."

They didn't even notice a bullet hole in Kennedy's neck, Wecht blurts.

"How is that possible?" he asked the audience in the video.

"Take a look at the person next to you. If they had a bullet hole in the front of their neck, do you think you would miss it?"

Several jurors chuckled.

"Arlen Specter is the one who gave birth to the single-bullet theory," Wecht said, referring to the Republican U.S. senator from Philadelphia.

"His answer was one bullet did everything. ... One hell of a bullet, the magic bullet."

Later, Wecht said the Warren Commission reports about Kennedy's assassination should be in school libraries, "with 'Tom Sawyer,' 'Huckleberry Finn,' 'Gulliver's Travels' and '20,000 Leagues Under the Sea.'"

Nearly every juror laughed.

Prosecutors played their preferred video snippet.

Baden, a former New York City medical examiner and host of HBO's "Autopsy," discussed the dark history of body snatching and murder to provide cadavers to medical schools in Europe.

"That was a problem, because bodies were bound to be valuable," Baden said. "The difference is, they are more valuable today."

Prosecutors allege Wecht struck a deal with Carlow University to perform autopsies there on unclaimed bodies from the morgue in exchange for free laboratory space for his private cases.

The allegation is among the government's claims that Wecht, 76, of Squirrel Hill used his public office for private gain. He is charged with 41 counts of theft and fraud.

Kathy McCabe, chief administrative assistant at the Medical Examiner's Office, told defense lawyer Jerry McDevitt about letters she typed on Wecht's behalf. These included responses to school kids across the country, a college student in New Zealand and birthday wishes to a judge.

He wrote one to the FBI, offering his office's services after the crash of United Flight 93 in Somerset County on Sept. 11, 2001.

Wecht also is known for not-so-nice letters, Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Stallings said.

Fayette DA clears Roberts & Lalley in computer probe

She says nothing illegal about the removal of a broken computer from courthouse.

By LIZ ZEMBA
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Former Fayette County Controller Mark Roberts and his successor have been cleared of any wrongdoing in an incident involving the temporary removal of a broken computer from the courthouse.

State police were asked to examine the broken computer because Roberts had removed it from the courthouse a few days before newly elected Controller Sean Lally took office.

Roberts said he took the computer home in a failed attempt to have the machine fixed, then returned it before his term in office expired.

The broken computer, along with two others in the controller's office, was seized at the request of county commissioners and Sheriff Gary Brownfield, according to District Attorney Nancy Vernon.

Vernon announced this week that police could not examine the broken computer because it is "unusable and incapable of retaining any information." No evidence of tampering was found on the two other computers, she said.

"There is no evidence that either Roberts or Lally tampered with the computer hard drives," Vernon said in a prepared release. "All spreadsheets and county business were preserved."

In addition, Vernon said, she found no evidence that Lally had entered Roberts' office before he took office.

Roberts had accused Lally of entering his office before the start of his term and breaking the computer. He also accused Lally of having removed a computer disc from the office.

Lally denied the allegations. Yesterday, he said he was satisfied with the outcome of Vernon's investigation, including the finding that he had done nothing wrong.

"I am happy that Miss Vernon released that the allegations he made against me in the *Tribune-Review* that I tampered with computers and removed a disc from the office are absolutely false," Lally said.

Roberts yesterday reiterated his contention that he wanted only to repair the computer before Lally took office.

In addition, he questioned the need for the investigation.

"I'm disappointed there was an investigation in the first place," Roberts said. "My name has yet again been smeared."

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DEATH NOTICES

CIEPLY — Joseph "Feecho" Cieply, 81, of Monessen, on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Robert A. Billick Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

FRYE — Genevieve Frye, 90, of Addison, formerly of Bentleyville, on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Greenlee Funeral Home, Bentleyville.*

JONES — Richard Alan Jones, of Donora, on Thursday, Feb. 7. House of Jackson Memorial Chapel, Donora.

KOWALL — Violet Kowall, 93, of Marietta, Ga., formerly of Donora, on Thursday, Feb. 7. Anthony L Massafra Funeral Home, Donora.*

LOVELL — Charles W. Lovell Jr., of Finleyville, on Sunday, Feb. 3. Griffith Mortuary Inc., South Park.*

RYGELSKI — Victoria Rygelski, 82, of Stockdale, on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Greenlee Funeral Home, Beallsville.*

SABOLCIK — Joseph M. Sabolcik, 62, of Vandalia, Ohio, formerly of Donora, on Friday, Feb. 1. James A. Rabe Funeral Home Inc., Donora.*

SHOLTIS — Mary Sholtis, 90, of Belle Vernon (Lynnwood), on Thursday, Feb. 7. Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory Inc., Belle Vernon.*

TIMKO — Robert A. Timko, of Fallowfield Township, on Thursday, Feb. 7. Carl J. Spallino Funeral Home, Charleroi.

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
GOLOMB, Florence B.*
LIZZA, Frederick L.*
MCBRIDE, Michael R. Sr.*

*** See death notice**

Joseph "Feecho" Cieply
Monessen

Joseph "Feecho" Cieply entered into eternal rest with his loving family at his side on Wednesday, February 6, 2008. Born in Monessen on August 31, 1926, he was the son of the late Teofil and Anna Cieply. He was a member of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the church choir. Mr. Cieply retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Co. as supervisor of security and safety for the Monessen and Allenport plants. He served his country as a member of the U.S. Army's 100th Infantry Division during World War II. Mr. Cieply served his community as an alderman for six years and as a Monessen City Council member for 14 years. He was a true public servant and was most proud of his work in helping to realize the Veterans War Memorial and the soccer field for the City of Monessen. Mr. Cieply was a graduate of Monessen High School class of 1945 and a member of the first graduating class of Westmoreland County Community College. He was a member of VFW Post 1190 and American Legion Post 28, both in Monessen. Mr. Cieply was a member of the Ukrainian Fraternal Association, Ukrainian National Association and the Ukrainian Literary and Beneficial Association. He was a former PIAA basketball referee and an avid gardener. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, George Cieply. He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Olga Homas Cieply. He was the loving father of Joanne (John) Greenwald, of Forward Township, Nancy Shepler, of Monessen, Lev (Janet) Cieply, of Jefferson Hills, and Orest Cieply, of Monessen; dear grandfather of Justin (Stacey) and Jordan Greenwald, Lindsay and Megan Shepler, Chris and Audra Cieply, and AJ, Nathan and Matthew Cieply; and brother of Anna (John) Andryc, of Rossford, Ohio, Mary Malezija, John (Dolly) Cieply, and Walter (Loretta) Cieply, all of Monessen. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Saturday, February 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 10, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the ROBERT A. BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC., Grand Boulevard and Marion Avenue, Monessen (724-684-3700). A prayer service will be held on Monday, February 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home, followed by a 10 a.m. funeral services in St. Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Monessen, with the Right Rev. Roman Yatskiv officiating. Interment will follow in Grandview Cemetery, Monessen. Parastas services will be held Sunday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorial contributions in Mr. Cieply's name can be made to: Monessen Public Library and District Center, 326 Donner Ave., Monessen, Pa. 15062.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Genevieve Frye
Addison
Formerly of Bentleyville

Genevieve Frye, 90, of Addison, Pa., formerly of Bentleyville, died Wednesday, February 6, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital at 12:44 p.m. She was born September 15, 1917, in The Plains, Ohio, a daughter of the late John and Anna Linton Eneix. Surviving is one daughter, Laurabelle Lee Marchezak and husband, Richard, of Charleroi; two granddaughters, Neva-Lee Ravotti, of Wexford, and Jillian Jochum, of Enid, Okla.; and two great-grandsons, Reis Ravotti and Carter Ravotti. On January 29, 1938, she married George W. Frye, who passed away February 6, 2004. Also deceased is one sister, Laurabelle McWreath; and two brothers, Charles and Jack Eneix. Private funeral services will be held Monday, February 11, 2008, in the GREENLEE FUNERAL HOME, 619 Main St., Bentleyville, with the Rev. Andy Scott of First Presbyterian Church of Bentleyville. Interment will be in Beallsville Cemetery. On-line guest book and personal condolences may be accessed at www.GreenleeFuneralHome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Florence B. Golomb
Clearwater, Fla.
Formerly of Pittsburgh

Florence B. Golomb, 91, of Clearwater, Fla., formerly of Pittsburgh, died Tuesday, February 5, 2008, in Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater. She was born October 9, 1916, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Joseph and Bella Brand. She was married for 53 years to the late Norman Golomb, MD, and lived most of that time in Monongahela, where her husband was in medical practice and she was an active member of the community. Mrs. Golomb was the devoted mother of Roger (Lorraine) Golomb, MD, Eliot (Linda) Golomb and Lois (Nigel) Treloar; sister of Shirley Stearns and the late Erwin Brand; and sister-in-law of Florence Fralin. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, of whom she was very proud; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held in Temple B'nai Israel in Clearwater. Graveside services and interment will be held Friday, February 8, at 11 a.m. in Ahavath Achim Cemetery, Green Oak Drive, Kennedy Township. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Norman Golomb Scholarship Fund of Mon Vale Health Foundation, 1163 Country Club Road, Monongahela, Pa. 15063. Arrangements entrusted to RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL INC., Pittsburgh.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Violet Kowall
Marietta, Ga.
Formerly of Donora

Violet Kowall, 93, of Marietta, Ga., formerly of Donora, passed away Thursday, February 7, 2008, in Kennestone Hospital, Marietta. Mrs. Kowall was born in Donora on September 10, 1914, the daughter of the late Sam and Anna Dzik Jablecki. She was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Donora, where she helped as an office worker. Mrs. Kowall worked as an office worker at her two previous parishes, Holy Name of Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Dominic, which became Our Lady of the Valley after the reorganization. She was a member of the Democratic Women's Club, the Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild of Our Lady of the Valley Parish, and she was a 1933 graduate of Donora High School. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Kowall; two daughters, Camille Gaskill and Barbara Sevitts; a brother, Edward Jablecki; a sister, Mildred Kulas; and a grandson, David Amoroso. Survivors include her children, Patricia Amoroso and husband, Frank, of Virginia, Louise Kowall, of Pittsburgh, William Kowall and wife, Frances, of the state of California, Sam Kowall and wife, Gloria, of South Carolina, and Jack Kowall and wife, Susan, of Georgia; 14 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Sunday, February 10, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday, February 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. ONLY in the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second St. Ext., Donora (724-379-6900), where prayers will be recited Tuesday, February 12, at 10 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of the Valley Parish, St. Dominic Church, Donora, at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Michael Yaksick as celebrant. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Frederick L. Lizza
Dunbar

Frederick L. "Fred" Lizza, 85, of Dunbar, passed away Wednesday, February 6, 2008, in Presby Health Center, Washington, Pa. He was born August 6, 1922, in Dunbar, the son of the late Bedy and Margaret Oostabile Lizza. He was a member of St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church and formerly employed as an assembler by Keystone Fireworks Manufacturing Co. in Dunbar. Mr. Lizza was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific Theater. He is survived by his wife, Doris Miller Lizza; one daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Francis "Wick" Farrell, of Charleroi; two granddaughters, Jocelyn and Marissa Farrell; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Wilbur and Ellen Lizza, Bedy Jr. and Catherine Lizza, and Harry Lizza, all of Dunbar. Friends will be received Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the BURHANS-CROUSE FUNERAL HOME, 28 Connellsville St., Dunbar (724-277-8514). Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 9, beginning with 11 a.m. prayers in the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m. in St. Aloysius R.C. Church, Ranch Road, Dunbar, with the Rev. Msgr. J. Edward McCullough officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Fayette City (Brownstown).

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Charles W. Lovell Jr.
Finleyville

Charles W. Lovell Jr., 72, of Finleyville, passed away Sunday, February 3, 2008. He was a lifelong member of Jefferson United Presbyterian Church and retired from Norfolk Southern Railroad. He was the beloved husband of the late Myra Lou Curry Lovell; father of Bill Lovell, Lou Ann (Richard) Scalise, David G. (Judy) Lovell and Thomas (Andrea) Lovell; grandfather of Richard, Ryan, Emily, Curry and Leah; and brother of Helen Jenkins. There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 9, at 10 a.m. in Jefferson United Presbyterian Church. The family requests donations be made to: Jefferson United Presbyterian Church, 716 Gill Hall Road, Jefferson Hills, Pa. 15025. Arrangements are being handled by GRIFFITH MORTUARY INC., Pittsburgh (412-655-4400).

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Michael R. McBride Sr.
Charleroi

Michael R. McBride Sr., 60, of Charleroi, died suddenly on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, in the emergency room at Mon Valley Hospital. He was born July 12, 1947, in Buffington, a son of the late Andrew and Ruth Crawford McBride. Mike was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in Charleroi and was Past Commander of VFW Post No. 167 in Charleroi. He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served two tours of duty in Vietnam. Mike was retired from the D.E.R., where he was an inspector. Surviving is his wife, Agnes Allen McBride; two sons, Michael R. McBride Jr. and wife, Heather, and Christopher McBride and Tory, of Charleroi; two daughters, Rebecca Cain and husband, Tim, of Arlington, Texas, and Mary Hodgson and husband, Michael, of Carroll Township; two brothers, Andrew McBride, of Rancho Cordova, Calif., and Chuck McBride, of Cummings, Ga.; one sister, June Antus, of Lorain, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Dakota, Kaylee, Brianna, Dylan, Hunter, Garrett and Brooke; three step-grandchildren, Zachary, Eddie and Nola; one step-great-grandson, Landon; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by twin sisters, Carol Weakland and Carolyn Dziurzynski. Friends will be received Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC., (www.schrock-hogan.com), 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, February 9, at 10:30 a.m. in Mary, Mother of the Church in Charleroi. Interment will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Carroll Township, will full Military Rites.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Victoria Rygelski
Stockdale

Victoria Rygelski, 82, of Stockdale, died Wednesday, February 6, 2008, in UPMC Shadyside, Pittsburgh. She was born March 23, 1925, in Thompson No. 2, Fayette County, a daughter of the late Joseph and Magdelaine Bagetz Molish. She was a 60-year member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Parish in Roscoe and had been a homemaker who enjoyed reading and cooking. On September 27, 1952, she married Edward Rygelski, who survives. Also surviving is a daughter, Joann Rygelski, of Stockdale; one sister, Irene Cvarvski, of Parma, Ohio; one brother, George Molish, of Cumming, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews. Deceased, in addition to her parents, are five brothers, Joseph, Edward, John, William and Frank Molish; and two sisters, Stella Fidorek and Wanda Santo. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday in the JOHN B. GREENLEE FUNERAL HOME, 2830 Main St., Beallsville, where friends will gather Monday, February 11, at 9:45 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Roscoe with the Rev. George Monek as celebrant. Interment will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Carroll Township. An on-line guest book and personal condolences may be accessed at www.GreenleeFuneralHome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Joseph M. Sabolcik
Vandalia, Ohio
Formerly of Donora

Interment took place this morning in St. Dominic Cemetery, Donora, for Joseph M. Sabolcik, 62, of Vandalia, Ohio, formerly of Donora, who died Friday, February 1, 2008. Mr. Sabolcik was born in Donora on August 6, 1945, a son of the late John and Anna Sabolcik. Funeral services were held in Ohio. Local arrangements were handled by the JAMES A. RABE FUNERAL HOME INC., Donora (724-379-9020). Memorials may be made to Box 21 Rescue, P.O. Box 21, Dayton, Ohio 45401. Condolences accepted at www.rabefuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary Sholtis
Belle Vernon
(Lynnwood)

Mary Sholtis, 90, of Belle Vernon (Lynnwood), died Thursday, February 7, 2008, in UPMC Mercy, Jeannette. A daughter of the late John and Susan Shafer Buchton, she was born in Fairhope on December 3, 1917. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Evangelical Church of Charleroi, the Junior Ladies Aide, the Monessen Senior Center, the Belle Vernon Golden Agers and the former Sokol Lodge of Monessen. Formerly of Monessen, Mary had resided in Lynnwood since 1955 and had been employed as a cook at the former Trocadero Motor Lodge, Rax Restaurant and Burger Chef, all in Belle Vernon. Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Patricia Sholtis, of Belle Vernon; three daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Al Gervin, of Richmond, Va., Marilyn and Glenn Guseman, of Jefferson Township, and Susan and Charles Buza, of Belle Vernon; one brother and sister-in-law, John Jr. and Pauline Buchton, of Fairhope; eight grandchildren, Ronald Sholtis Jr. and wife, Laura, Debra George and husband, Richard, Tara Gervin, Christian Gervin, Yvonne Clark and husband, Jerry, Glenda Guseman, Joseph Buza and wife, Rachael, and Christopher Buza; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Susan Strychalski. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY INC., (724-929-5300), 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com. Funeral services will be in the funeral home Monday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Wayne Boring, pastor of the Fayette City Christian Church, officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery.

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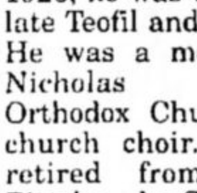
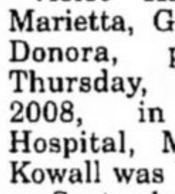


"In Loving Memory Of Our Beautiful Baby Son & Brother",
"Jason David Erickson"
September 10, 2004 - February 8, 2005

"As We Remember!"

Remembering three years ago, on that cold winter day, never imagining that morning, how life would change, in every thinkable way! Remembering how you looked up at me, and giggled as I talked to you, always telling what Mommy was doing next, together what we would do! A perfect look of health, your little face and bright eyes would shine. I'd stare at you, sometimes not believing, this "beautiful boy" was mine! A normal day, with normal plans, then in a second, this shock hit me, this wasn't what was supposed to be, I'd give my life for this not to be! As three years have gone by now, the pain has not, I miss you more each day. You are the sweetest little boy, God ever gave a Mom, perfect in every way. It's not just all about your Mom, your Daddy and sisters grieve you, too, you were supposed to grow up with the girls, and play with them, and let them spoil you! You're still your Daddy's "only son", and all his plans for you are now gone, one day we will find out, as Mommy promised you, what really did go wrong! So, on this day, a sad day for us, we honor the beautiful life you lived, how your little life blessed us all, and you'll one day be in my arms again, when it's time for God to call!

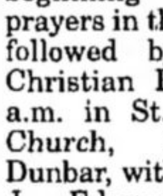
"We Love You", "Little Man",
Mommy, Daddy, Jenna, Stephanie, & Bailey



In Memory Of
Charles E. Gee

A Birthday Tribute, February 7, in loving memory of our beloved husband, father, grandfather & great-grandfather, Charles E. Gee, who would have been 94 years old. Today is your birthday without candles and cake. And since you're not with us, we won't celebrate. On a sad day like this, there is not much to say, but ask God to honor you in His own way. And grant us one wish and make it come true, to have His choir of Angels sing "Happy Birthday", to you.

Sadly missed and loved by children Charlene & husband Ken, Patti, Bunky, Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren



In Memory Of
Mike Sveda, Jr.

A Birthday Tribute today, February 8, 2008, in loving memory of our beloved husband and father, Mike Sveda, Jr., who would have been 80 years old.
You're not here to celebrate your Birthday, beautiful memories of past celebrations will stay with us forever. You're loved and missed every day.

Sadly missed and loved by Marge, Monica, Bob, Mallie, Steve, Margaret, Marlene, Bob & Delphine

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2008. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Feb. 8, 1968, three college students were killed in a confrontation with highway patrolmen in Orangeburg, S.C., during a civil rights protest against a whites-only bowling alley.

On this date:

■ In 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.

■ In 1693, a charter was granted for the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

■ In 1837, the Senate selected the vice president of the United States, choosing Richard Mentor Johnson after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

■ In 1904, the Russo-Japanese War, a conflict over control of Manchuria and Korea, began as Japanese forces attacked Port Arthur.

■ In 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.

■ In 1915, D.W. Griffith's groundbreaking as well as controversial silent movie epic about the Civil War, "The Birth of a Nation," premiered in Los Angeles.

■ In 1924, the first execution by gas in the United States took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City as Gee Jon, a Chinese immigrant convicted of murder, was put to death.

■ In 1974, the last three-man crew of the Skylab space station returned to Earth after spending 84 days in space.

■ In 1978, the deliberations of the Senate were broadcast on radio for the first time as members opened debate on the Panama Canal treaties.

■ In 1989, 144 people were killed when an American-chartered Boeing 707 filled with Italian tourists slammed into a fog-covered mountain in the Azores.

■ **Ten years ago**: Olga Danilova of Russia won the first gold medal of the Nagano Winter Games in 15-kilometer classical cross-country skiing.

■ **Five years ago**: The chief U.N. arms inspectors arrived in Baghdad for a new round of crucial talks with Iraqi officials. In a jab at major U.S. allies, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told a security conference in Munich that countries such as France and Germany that favored giving Iraq another chance to disarm were undermining what slim chance existed to avoid war.

■ **One year ago**: Model, actress and tabloid sensation Anna Nicole Smith died in Florida at age 39 of an accidental drug overdose.

DEATH NOTICE

Joan P. Grable
Golden, Colo.

Joan P. Grable, 83, of Golden, Colo., died Tuesday, February 5, 2008, in Morrison, Colo. She was born February 2, 1925, in Monessen, the daughter of the late Michael J. and Margaret R. King. She was employed as a TV studio registered nurse in the Los Angeles, Calif., area before retiring. She was the beloved wife of Harry D. Grable Jr.; mother of Kevin M. (Annette) Grable, of Studio City, Calif., Kathleen A. (Jack) Placchi, of Golden, and Timothy J. Grable, of San Francisco, Calif. Also surviving are five grandchildren. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, February 8, at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Golden, with family committal in Ft. Logan National Cemetery, Denver, Colo. Memorial contributions in Joan's name can be made to: St. Joseph Catholic Church, 969 Ulysses St., Golden, Colo. 80401. Arrangements are being handled by the ELLIS FAMILY SERVICES FUNERAL and MEMORIAL CARE, P.O. Box 270334, Littleton, Colo. 80127 (720-344-8565).

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Atlantis blasts off - finally

By The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. -- After two months of delay, shuttle Atlantis blasted into orbit Thursday with Europe's gift to the international space station, a $2 billion science lab named Columbus that spent years waiting to set sail.

Atlantis and its seven-man crew led by commander Stephen Frick, a native of Richland, roared away from their seaside launch pad at 2:45 p.m., overcoming fuel gauge problems that thwarted back-to-back launch attempts in December.

The same cold front that spawned killer tornadoes across the South earlier in the week stayed far enough away and, in the end, cut NASA a break. All week, bad weather had threatened to delay the flight, making liftoff all the sweeter for the shuttle team. The sky was cloudy at launch time, but rain and thunderstorms remained off to the west.

"Three, two, one, zero, and liftoff of space shuttle Atlantis as Columbus sets sail on a voyage of science to the space station," NASA's Launch Control exclaimed.

Probably no one was happier than the 300 Europeans who gathered at the launch site to see Atlantis take off with their beloved Columbus lab.

They celebrated with Belgian and French chocolates and sparkling non-alcoholic grape juice.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

Charles Christner, West Newton

The following cases were heard Monday before Magisterial District Judge Charles Christner of West Newton:

■ Robert Bobin, 53, of 6 Grant St., Monongahela, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Bobin was charged with criminal conspiracy and procurement of drugs by fraud in relation to an incident Oct. 22 at Hometown Pharmacy in Willowbrook Plaza, Rostraver Township.

■ Two bad checks charges against Randee Cowden, no age listed, of 701 Walnut St., Monongahela, were withdrawn after she paid restitution. Cowden was charged in relation to checks written Sept. 23 and Oct. 5.

■ Todd Roland Woodall, 44, of 522 Lincoln Ave., Charleroi, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Woodall was charged with driving under the influence and traffic violations in relation to an incident Aug. 12 on Second Street in Smithton Borough.

■ Robert Eugene Thrasher, 49, of 1150 Willowbrook Road, Belle Vernon, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Thrasher was charged with driving under the influence and traffic violations in relation to an incident Dec. 15 on Route 981 at the Smithton Bridge.

■ David Allan Thompson, 23, of 171 Mt. Pleasant Road, Belle Vernon, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Thompson was charged with driving under the influence and traffic violations in relation to an incident Dec. 1 on Route 201 in Rostraver Township.

■ An unauthorized use of an automobile or other vehicles charge against Michael R. Dzugan III, 23, of 2250 N. George St., York, was withdrawn after Dzugan pled guilty to a summary disorderly conduct charge. Dzugan was charged in relation to an incident Sept. 15 to Tom Clark Chrysler Jeep on Route 51 in Rostraver Township.

■ Miles Martell Bashur, 19, of 215 N. Second St., West Newton, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Bashur was charged with 'simple assault and harassment in relation to an incident Jan. 28 at his residence.

■ A warrant was issued against Sean Patrick Fransko, 35, of 51 Hoon St., Monongahela, after he failed to appear for a preliminary hearing. Fransko was charged with identity theft, unsworn falsification to authorities, false reports to law enforcement authorities, false identification to law enforcement authorities and retail theft in relation to an incident July 25 at Shop 'n' Save on Route 51 in Rostraver Township.

■ Alice Marie Morgan, 35, of 245 Linden Ave., Monessen, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Morgan was charged with driving under the influence, endangering the welfare of children and traffic violations in relation to an incident Nov. 30 on Route 201 in Rostraver Township.

■ Mark David Stevens, 40, of 111 Markle St., Herminie, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Stevens was charged with simple assault, harassment and disorderly conduct in relation to an incident Sept. 12 at his residence.

■ Andrasto George Casoni Jr., 31, of 318 Locust St., West Newton, was held for court. Casoni was charged with theft by unlawful taking or disposition and criminal mischief in relation to an incident April 25 at 540 Second Ave. in Sutersville.

■ Jason E. Williams, 28, of 516 Rear Broad Ave., waived the right to preliminary hearings. Williams was charged with burglary, criminal trespass and theft by unlawful taking or disposition in relation to an incident Sept. 29 at K-Vay's Restaurant in Rostraver Township. Williams was also charged with burglary, criminal trespass, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, receiving stolen property and criminal mischief for an incident Oct. 7 at Buy 'n' Fly in Herminie, Sewickley Township.

■ Kimberly Williams, 31, of Smithdon, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Williams was charged with burglary, criminal trespass, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, receiving stolen property and criminal mischief for an incident Oct. 7 at Buy 'n' Fly in Herminie, Sewickley Township.

■ Bobby L. Crosby Jr., 28, of Washington County Jail, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Crosby was charged with burglary, criminal trespass, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, receiving stolen property and criminal mischief for an incident Oct. 7 at Buy 'n' Fly in Herminie, Sewickley Township.

■ A warrant was issued against Alan Keith Crow, 28, of 3172 Route 136, Finleyville for failing to appear for a preliminary hearing. Crow was charged with theft by deception, receiving stolen property and bad checks in relation to an incident Dec. 1 at The Gun Rack on Route 136 in Rostraver Township.

■ Regis A. Hinerman, no age listed, of 6201 Roslyn St., McKeesport, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Hinerman was charged with attempting to pass bad checks in relation to a check written Oct. 12.

POLICE LOG

Donora

■ Lisa Povich, 39, and James Earley, 31, both of 132 Castner Ave., Donora, were both charged with disorderly conduct Sunday after a disturbance at their residence, police said.

■ Billie Jo Dawson, 23, of Donora, was charged with disorderly conduct Sunday at her residence, police said.

■ Brandy Kimball, 22, of Clairton, was charged with disorderly conduct at 11:30 p.m. Sunday after an alleged incident at Phat Dawg's, police said.

State Police, Greensburg

■ State police are investigating a case of access device fraud at the Rent-A-Center store in Sewickley Township. During the period of Dec. 15 and Jan. 22 an unknown person used a debit card belonging to Kristofer Alan Popelas, 27, of Herminie, on three different occasions.

California

■ Matthew E. Hess, 21, of Vanderbilt, was charged with DUI after an incident that occurred 3:09 a.m. Jan. 5 on Wood Street, police said.

■ James Package, 39, of Charleroi, was charged with harassment for allegedly making telephone calls to a business in California on various times over the past few months, police reported.

■ Mark A Easton, 19, McMurray, was charged with carrying false identification, underage drinking, and misrepresentation of age to secure alcoholic beverages 10:50 p.m. Feb. 6 at JColes Tavern, police reported.

Carroll Township

■ Police are investigating two residential burglaries.

At 7 p.m. Saturday, a burglar broke into a home at 32 W. Euclid Ave., and stole cash. Police said the intruder gained entry through a rear door.

On Tuesday, a neighbor saw suspicious activity at the Sobotak residence at 1 June Drive. Police said the neighbor confronted a teenager who was carrying a green backpack. The teen fled the scene.

Police are asking anyone with information regarding these incidents to call the department.

Monessen

■ Eugene Hirschi, 51, of 410 Third Ave., New Eagle, was cited for public drunkenness in relation to an incident 2:20 p.m. Thursday at Eastgate Exxon.

McCain woos conservatives

Republican front runner has a history of clashing with his party's right flank.

By JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Typically, a gathering of conservative activists and the presumptive Republican presidential nominee is no cause for unease.

Enter John McCain — a Republican with a history of clashing with his party's right flank.

For the first time in three decades, Republicans are likely to nominate a presidential candidate who lost the conservative and evangelical votes in the primaries. Even as McCain reached out to them Thursday during the annual Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, some made no attempt to hide their distaste.

Amid the cheers, there were boos. Placards denounced McCain's past support for changes in immigration policies. In the halls, public and private arguments erupted over his candidacy.

"We're really in uncharted waters," Republican strategist Ralph Reed said as he surveyed the conservative scene from the wings of a ballroom. "You have to go back to 1976 when (Gerald) Ford beat (Ronald) Reagan when a presumptive nominee has walked into this room and the overwhelming majority of these people voted or supported somebody else."

PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Thursday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $468,329.

Lottery officials said 124 players matched four numbers and won $290.50 each; 5,223 players matched three numbers and won $11.50 each; and 67,856 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The winning numbers drawn Thursday in the "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game were: 03-19-34-36-40.

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PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS — THURSDAY, FEB. 7

DAY PICK 3:	4-9-5
NIGHT PICK 3:	4-2-7
DAY PICK BIG 4:	8-6-0-9
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	8-4-3-6
TREASURE HUNT:	1-18-23-24-27
MIX & MATCH:	5-13-16-1-8
CASH 5:	3-19-34-36-40

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS — THURSDAY, FEB. 7

DAY PICK 3:	1-8-6
NIGHT PICK 3:	4-6-5
DAY PICK 4:	6-2-3-0
NIGHT PICK 4:	1-3-1-5
ROLLING CASH 5:	3-14-16-21-39

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS — THURSDAY, FEB. 7

DAILY 3:	1-4-4
DAILY 4:	5-7-9-7
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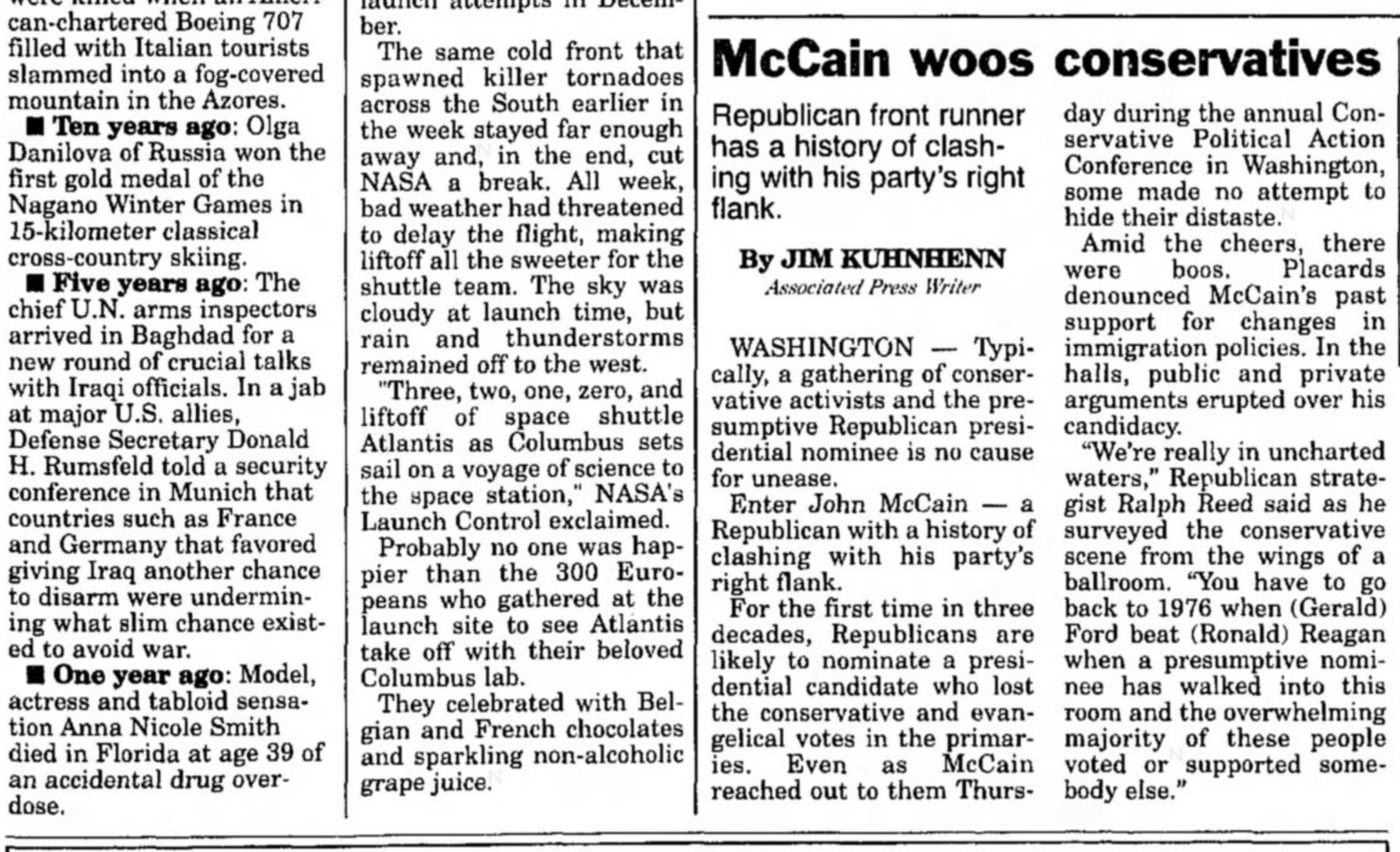
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OUR OPINION

Local teams enter WPIAL playoffs

THE WPIAL BASKETBALL playoffs get under way tonight with most teams from the Mid-Mon Valley still in the running for league and state titles.

Both boys' and girls' teams from Belle Vernon Area, California Area, Monessen and Ringgold were selected for post-season play, as were the girls' teams from Charleroi Area and Elizabeth Forward and the boys' squad from Bentworth.

The Monessen girls enter post-season play as the second seed in Class A, despite the fact that the Lady Greyhounds are the lone unbeaten team in the WPIAL at 23-0.

They begin playoff action tonight at Charleroi in a doubleheader featuring both California Area teams. Monessen will play the Lady Trojans (8-13) at 6:30 p.m. Cal's boys (15-5), the only other area team to get a top four seed at No. 3 in Class A, will face Elderton (5-19) at 8 p.m. at Charleroi.

Also seeing action tonight will be Bentworth's boys (15-7), who will play Sewickley Academy (11-8) at 8 at West Allegheny in Class A, and BVA's girls (6-18), who will square off against Blackhawk (15-9) at 6:30 at Chartiers Valley in Class AAA.

Ringgold's boys (8-16), will play their first post-season game in 11 years at noon Saturday at North Allegheny against perennial power Hampton (13-10) in Class AAA action.

Charleroi's girls (13-11) also will be in action Saturday, taking on Wilkinsburg (11-9) at 3 p.m. at Northgate.

Monessen's boys (18-5), BVA's boys (19-5), Ringgold's girls (17-7) and Elizabeth Forward's girls (20-4) drew first-round byes, so they won't resume play until Tuesday or Wednesday.

We congratulate all of the local teams who advanced to post-season play and wish them well in the days and weeks ahead.

At the same time, we tip our hat to those Mid-Mon Valley teams who enjoyed less success on the court, but whose players no doubt learned more than a few life-long lessons by participating in scholastic athletic competition.

ANOTHER VIEW

Battle Creek (Mich.) Enquirer, on foreign aid:

After nearly two years of hearings and interviews, the government HELP (Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People) Commission issued a report last month calling for major reform in the way American foreign aid is delivered. It advocates a new business model that promotes locally led development that embraces innovation, encourages research and development and is flexible in its programming to respond to needs more quickly.

While the HELP Commission's recommendations would include rewriting the Foreign Assistance Act, there are simpler steps that could be taken without delay and yet have an important impact. One such step, advocated by President Bush in his State of the Union address, would be for Congress to change the law that requires food supplies for foreign aid to be bought in the United States.

While we have no objection to American farmers benefiting from foreign aid programs, requiring that all food aid come from the United States can hamper efforts to deliver food to disaster areas in a timely manner. It sometimes can take months to get food from the United States to famine-stricken areas where there is a desperate need. In such situations, aid organizers should have the option of purchasing food from closer sources that can alleviate hunger more quickly.

Changing the law also could help farmers in developing countries by opening up aid markets to them.

Yet it appears unlikely that Congress will make this change and eliminate a barrier to providing timely help to those who need it most.

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While letters usually are published in order of submission, those concerning timely local issues are given priority.

We ask government to do too much

Charley **REESE**

Let us conservatives take a little quiz just to check our basic premises to make sure we are thinking clearly.

Question: Are we willing to give up Medicare and Medicaid? These are forms of socialized medicine, and in theory, we conservatives are opposed to socialism.

Question: Are we willing to give up Social Security, another socialistic program?

Question: Are we in favor of abolishing public education? We often disguise the truth by using the word "public" when what we are talking about is the state — meaning, of course, government.

When we drive on government roads to drop our children off at government schools where they study a government curriculum using government-approved textbooks, we are hardly practicing laissez faire. Freedom in early America meant you were on your own.

If you wanted your children educated, then you taught them, hired a private tutor, apprenticed them or paid for them to attend a private school. If you got sick or injured, what medical care you could find, if any, you had to pay for. When you got too old to work, you lived either at the mercy of family or on your savings. If you and your family were attacked, you had to defend yourselves.

Freedom can be harsh, and those harsh conditions led to large families (men had to grow their own laborers) and eventually community cooperation where neighbors helped each other. That community cooperation eventually evolved into government. Rather than all of us working to build a road, we'd in effect contract that task out to government, for example.

Thus, we can see that reality is not nearly as neat and as simple as ideology. We are still trying to do exactly what our ancestors did — survive and leave something for our children. If we thought of all government services as survival mechanisms, then we might more clearly distinguish between those that are necessary and those that really aren't needed.

We are in trouble as a nation precisely because we developed the bad habit of asking the government at every level to do too much. It is easy to forget that there is nothing free in this world. We also have learned to tolerate government inefficiency and extravagance as well as corruption. Those bad habits are derived from the fact that with the Industrial Revolution, we became a nation with a large proletariat (people who work for others) and a diminishing number of people who independently operate their own business or farm.

Slavery, one can argue, has not been abolished, but has merely changed its form. Wage slaves and debt slaves are still slaves in the sense that their freedom of choice is greatly restricted by the necessity to keep paychecks coming and bill collectors satisfied. The federal government, by its irresponsible fiscal policy, has made us and our descendants debt slaves.

I was disgusted during the State of the Union address that members of the House and Senate would stand and applaud, like a bunch of Roman sandal-kissers, while the little emperor who has come close to ruining this country mouthed bromides, platitudes and lies. It seems in Washington, at least, dishonesty and hypocrisy have become the norm.

There is only one question to be asked of the presidential candidates: Which one of them is most likely to pull us out of the hole George W. Bush has put us in? That will involve extracting us from two wars and balancing the federal budget. We can't even begin to pay off the trillions of dollars in federal debt until those two things are done.

Thus, the question before us is not socialism or capitalism or liberal or conservative. It is competence and honesty. We should have heard enough of this nonsense about our greatness and our being the most powerful nation on Earth. We need to hear practical solutions to real problems, or we won't be either great or powerful for very long.

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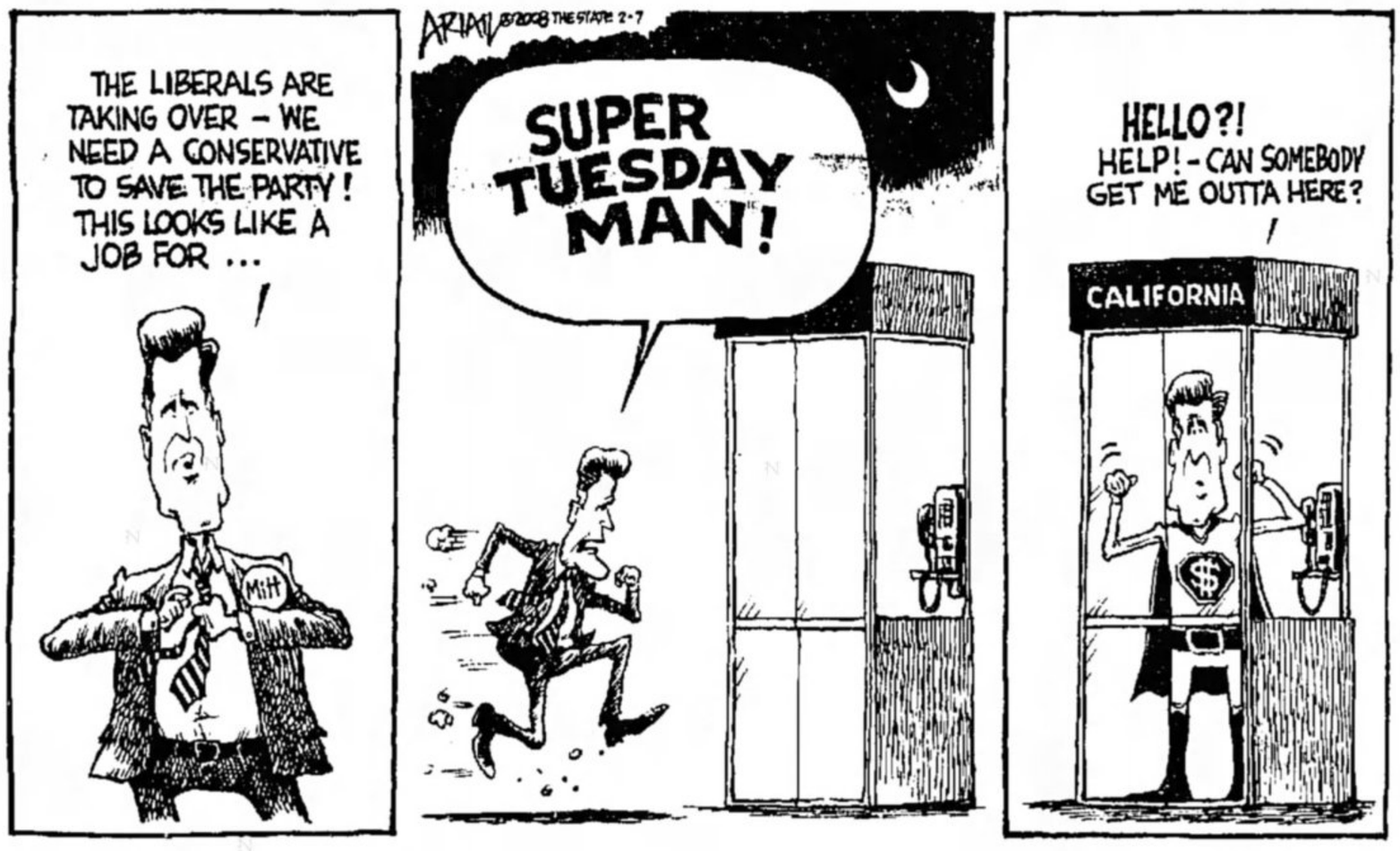
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McCain vs. Romney

William **RUSHER**

With the withdrawals of Fred Thompson and Rudy Giuliani from the contest, and the consistent failure of Mike Huckabee to build effectively on his evangelical base, the race for the Republican presidential nomination has effectively settled down to a two-man battle between John McCain and Mitt Romney.

At the moment, McCain probably deserves the title of "the front-runner." Until the Florida primary, McCain was vulnerable to the criticism that he had never been a winner in a purely intra-Republican contest. His previous victories were scored in general elections or in primaries (such as New Hampshire's and South Carolina's) that permitted independents, who tended to favor McCain, to participate in picking the Republican choice.

In Florida, however, only registered Republicans could vote, and 36 percent of them voted for McCain. Another 31 percent supported Romney, while 15 percent went to Giuliani and 14 percent to Huckabee.

Even McCain acknowledged that 36 percent, in those circumstances, was no "landslide." But what makes the defeat in Florida painful for Romney is the fact that he had spent and campaigned heavily there for many months, and had expected a victory there to give his candidacy a valuable early boost. Instead, Romney must now make a pretty impressive showing in the numerous primaries being held on Feb. 5 — and specifically, more impressive than McCain's.

It is unlikely (as of this writing), however, that McCain can do so well on Feb. 5 as to knock Romney, who "suspended his campaign on Thursday, out of the race altogether and in effect nail down the nomination. The contest between the two is likely to drag on for several more months.

And that presents conservative Republicans with a problem. Neither McCain nor Romney is, historically, a certified, dyed-in-the-wool conservative of the sort that other typical conservatives instinctively feel comfortable with. To be sure, the Republican party is dominated overwhelmingly, today, by conservatives, and both McCain and Romney are now proclaiming their undying conservatism to the heavens. But McCain has a long record of deviations from the straight conservative path, and Romney rose to prominence by winning the governorship of Massachusetts, a distinctly liberal state where he took care not to offend the voters too much. That these two men have survived the political preliminaries to become the final contenders for the Republican nomination is owing more to sheer chance than any vestigial trace of liberalism in either of them; but it does raise, for conservatives, the delicate question of which of them to choose.

Based on issues alone, a conservative might be inclined to favor Romney, whose record is perhaps marginally closer than McCain's to conservative orthodoxy. But one has to admit that there is a certain powerful attraction in McCain's overall persona. He is, after all, an indisputable war hero.

What's more, he comes across as slightly more combative than Romney in a way that might prove highly useful in taking on Hillary Clinton, or even Barack Obama.

In any case, conservatives need not worry that the fact that they must choose between Romney and McCain demonstrates (as some hopeful liberals have begun arguing) that the GOP is in some way loosening its ties to the conservative movement.

The strenuous efforts of both men to win the approval of that movement tells us all we need to know about its strength in the Republican party. If either of them shows the slightest tendency to backslide, he will suffer immediate vengeance at the polls.

Which brings us to a final point: After eight years of Republican dominance in Washington, the normal tendency of American politics will be for 2008 to be a Democratic year. If it is, whether Romney or McCain gets to distribute deck chairs on the Titanic will be of little real interest.

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This Sun also rises

Shaquille O'Neal promises to be the missing piece to Phoenix's NBA title puzzle. **2B**

Valley SPORTS

Athletes not role models

AP columnist Jim Litke says today's stars are more likely to show kids what isn't right than what is. **2B**

Up in smoke

Three West Virginia University gridders were charged with felony possession of marijuana and were kicked off the team. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Where was the last Pro Bowl played in 1979 before being moved to Honolulu? **2B**

Last night's scores

Vancouver 2, Atlanta 1
Toronto 4, Montreal 2
Anaheim 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
Ottawa 5, Florida 4
Los Angeles 5, Detroit 3
Dallas 1, Minnesota 0
Tampa Bay 2, Nashville 1, OT

Brian **HERMAN**

Pryor not No. 1 with Urbanik

There are a lot of people on the bandwagon of Jeannette football superstar Terrelle Pryor these days.

One of them isn't Donora's Bill Urbanik.

Urbanik, a Mid-Mon Valley Hall of Famer who's probably best known as being an assistant coach for the Cincinnati Bengals when they lost to San Francisco, 20-6, and Joe Montana in Super Bowl XXIII, made some waves the other day critiquing the 6-6, 225-pound Pryor as a player analyst for the Takkle.com scouting service.

"To me, he's a glamour guy who's overrated," said Urbanik, a defensive lineman on Ohio State's 1968 national championship team which beat Southern California and O.J. Simpson in the Rose Bowl.

"He'll be good ... but not great," continued Urbanik. "He's a power forward, but now you want him to play point guard. I've seen too many big guys fail at quarterback.

"Put him in Texas or California and he'd be pretty good, but not No. 1 in the country. There, they can all run like he can run, and they'll catch him. He doesn't have great quickness."

While some of the major services have Pryor at the top of their list, Pryor is 16th with Takkle.com.

Takkle.com's No. 1 quarterback was 6-4, 201-pound E.J. Manuel out of Bayside High in Virginia Beach, Va., who signed with Florida State.

Florida.

Here's how Takkle.com diagnosed Pryor: *"While there's no doubt that Pryor is a tremendous athlete and a dual threat to run or throw, there are some concerns about him as a quarterback. Can he drop back and make all those throws? Can he run the show in a college system? Time will tell, and as talented as he is, he's not a finished product. Still, he draws comparisons to Vince Young and has the skills to make an impact at the next level."*

Urbanik, who's also a radio analyst for Wake Forest football games and is an unoffical assistant principal at Southwest Guilford High near Wnston Salem, N.C., made some other interesting comments to Canton Repository columnist Todd Porter last month.

"Pennsylvania football has sunk," he said. "Football in Pennyslvania is an afterthought and I'm from there. Terrelle Pryor is a brilliant high schoool quarterback, but to play at that level in college you have to be really, really accurate."

"This thing has stirred up a hornet's nest," added Urbanik. "I ranked the great Terrelle Pryor 16th. What's wrong with that? In four or five years from now that makes him a first round NFL draft pick."

Where does Urbanik think Pryor will end up?

"He'd be better off to go to Ohio State or Penn State where he could get his feet wet and play in a more standard offense," he said. "I don't think he could run the spread offense at Michigan. I can't see a team putting a whole game in his hands as a true freshman."

Monessen, Cal share same stage

Lady Greyhounds, Trojans open hopeful playoff runs tonight at Charleroi.

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Last year California's boys lost a heartbreaker to Leechburg in the WPIAL Class A basketball championship game at Duqusene University' A.J. Palumbo Center.

The year before Monessen's gilrls upset section rival Serra for the WPIAL Class A title.

Tonight California and Monessen start their bids for return trips to Pittsburgh when they play their opening round games on the same floor at Charleroi.

Monessen (23-0), the No. 2 seed, faces California (8-13) in the opening game at 6:30 p.m. followed by third-seed California's boys (15-5) against oft-beaten Elderton (5-19) at 8 p.m.

Neither the Lady Greyhounds nor the Trojans are expected to have tough openers.

Monessen is led by a pair of senior 1,000-point scorers in Christina Chukwuedo and Kelly Mornak.

Chukwuedo averages 19 points, five assists and three steals while Mornak is good for 10 points and four assists a game.

Samone Stepoli is Monessen's top rebounder with 10 game and also averages eight points as do Breane Minardi and Jessica Diggs.

Besides being the WPIAL' s lone unbeaten team, Monessen is also one of its highest scoring with 62 points a game.

The Lady Trojans, on the other hand, are one of the youngest, starting two freshmen (Dani Zajicek and Lisa Doman) and three sophomores (Christian Wagner, Morgan Moluski and Allie Greenlief) and scores 42 a game.

California made the playoffs by finishing fourth in its section and is seeded 15th out of 16 teams.

Despite the disparity between the teams, Monessen coach Major Corley isn't looking past the Lady Trojans.

"We'll go out and play hard," he said. "If they don't they'll be sitting on the bench. We won't ease up."

California coach Phil Pergola, meanwhile, returns two starters - Travis Van Olst and Donte Valentino -from the 2007 team which came within five seconds of winning the title before losing on two free throws, 60-59.

The 6-5 Van Olst leads the Trojans in scoring (17.9) and rebounding (10 a game) while Valentino adds 16 points and six assists a game.

California's other key starter is junior Ben Carson, last year's sixth man, who averages eight points.

What's the biggest difference between this year's team and the 2007 finalists?

"Consistency and shooting," answered Pergola. "Chris McVicker was a great outside shooter and (6-7) Mike Hrivnak gave us a good inside player."

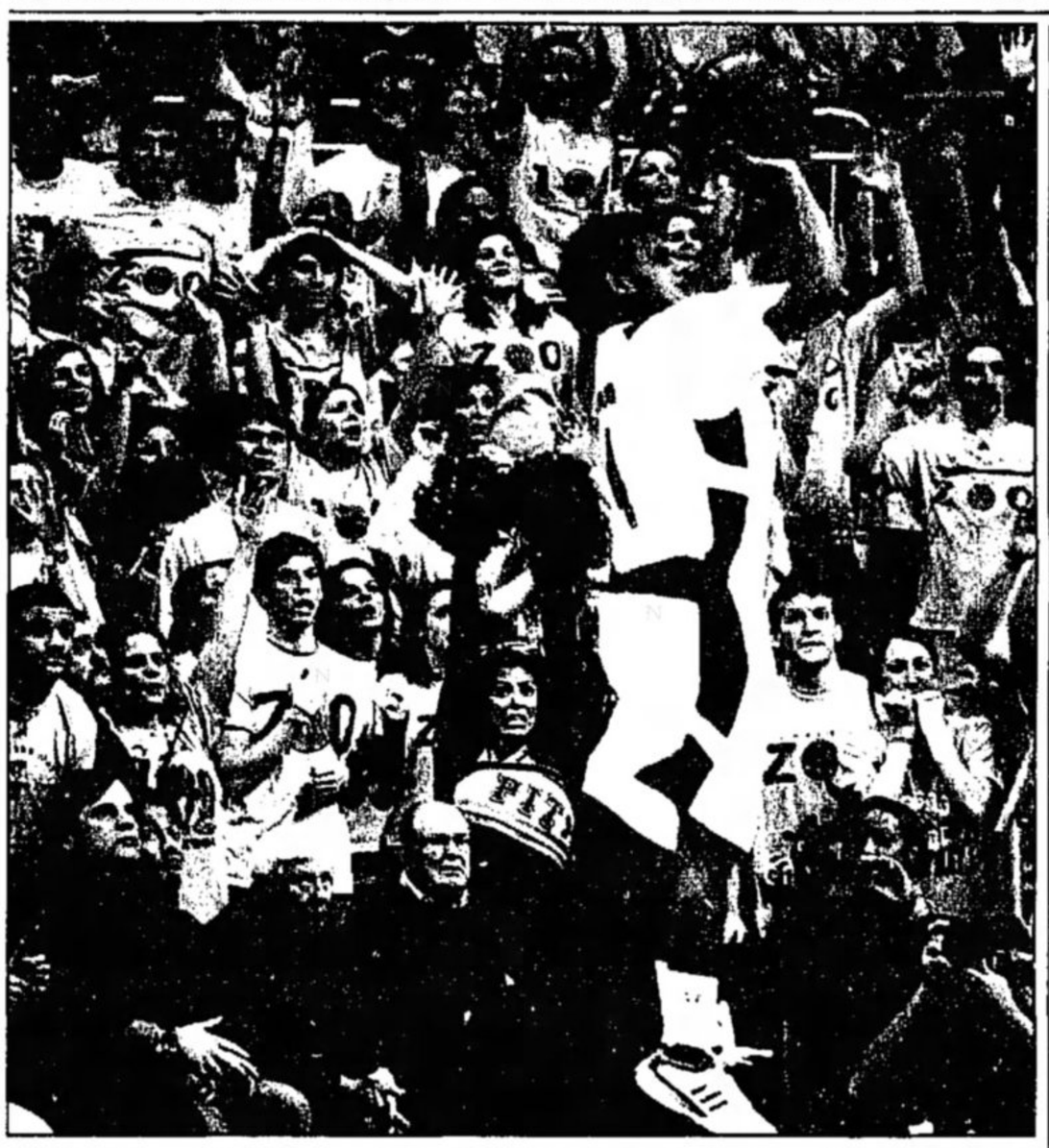
Ironially, Elderton's last game was a 50-48 loss to Leechburg after losing to the same team, 68-29, four weeks ago.

Elderton, which lost by an average of 20 points, made the playoffs despite winning only one section game.

Elderton finished tied for fourth in a five-team section with Trinity Christian (3-16).

California didn't end the regular season on a good note, suffering its lone section defeat at Geibel.

"I was a little upset with the way we played at Geibel," said Pergola. "I'm hoping the loss to Geibel and the week off gives us some energy."



Pitt's Ronald Ramon lets fly his game-winning three-pointer against West Virginia.

Ramon's heroics buzz WVU, 55-54

Three-pointer at the buzzer gives Pitt heart-stopping win.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The free throws that were taken away badly hurt West Virginia. The wide-open shot by Pitt's Ronald Ramon that won the game bothered Mountaineers coach Bob Huggins a whole lot more.

Ramon barely beat the final horn with a game-winning 3-pointer from the left wing and No. 21 Pittsburgh rallied in the final minute to beat cold-shooting rival West Virginia 55-54 on Thursday night.

"I'd like to say we drew it up that way," Pitt coach Jamie Dixon said of a play that was supposed to end with Sam Young taking the final shot. "But Keith (Benjamin) drove with it and made his man guard him and he found the open man. Ronald made the shot, but Keith made the play."

Neither Ramon nor Benjamin knew how much time was left, and Benjamin said, "I had no choice but to throw it to Ronald. I had no idea what the clock was. I was hoping he could get it off."

Ramon did, and the Panthers (18-5, 6-4 Big East) got an important win that substantially helps their NCAA tournament hopes and damages those of West Virginia (16-7, 5-5). The Mountaineers led 53-50 with a minute to play but couldn't find a way to finish it, mostly because of terrible foul shooting.

Alex Ruoff, an 85 percent free-throw shooter, missed one of two with 9 seconds remaining to prevent West Virginia from taking a three-point lead. That miss — the Mountaineers were only 7-of-17 from the line — proved costly because it meant Ramon's 3 won the game, rather than tying it and sending it to overtime.

Young and Keith Benjamin scored 10 each for Pitt, which beat the Mountaineers for the fourth time in a row and the 10th time in 13 games. DeJuan Blair had 12 rebounds, but was limited to 7 points on 3-of-13 shooting.

Darris Nichols scored 16 and Joe Mazzulla had 15 for West Virginia, which lost its third in four games.

"We're supposed to be a good-shooting team, that's what they tell me," said Huggins, who is playing with former coach John Beilein's recruits. "It's consistent (the poor shooting). It's a pattern."

The Mountaineers lost to Georgetown 58-57 on Jan. 26 when they were 12-of-23 from the line. This time, Joe Alexander and Da'Sean Butler each missed two key free throws apiece down the stretch.

When the Mountaineers finally made two free throws, by Alexander with slightly more than 4 minutes remaining, they were wiped off — the officials reviewed the game tape and decided Cam Thoroughman should have been on the line instead. He went to the line and missed the front end of the 1-and-1.

The erased points restored Pitt's 48-45 lead, and Brad Wanamaker scored on a drive to the basket the next time to give the Panthers a five-point lead, although West Virginia rallied to score the next

(See PITT, Page 2B)

Whitney gets out of dog house and leads Pens to 4-3 win

Two-goal night helps give Islanders their sixth loss in a row.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — On Monday night, Pittsburgh Penguins coach Michel Therrien thought so little of Ryan Whitney's play that he said the defenseman "cost us the game."

Three days later, New York Islanders coach Ted Nolan could have thought Whitney played so well he cost New York the game.

Whitney had two goals and Kris Letang scored the game-winner with 3:39 to play as the Pittsburgh Penguins handed the Islanders their sixth consecutive loss, 4-3 Thursday night.

"He responded exactly the way I expected. Give him credit," said Therrien. "He upgraded his game not only offensively — it is great to get two goals tonight — but defensively he was sharp. This is what I want from him."

Evgeni Malkin had three assists and Ryan Malone also scored for the Penguins, who are 3-1-1 in their past five and tied Philadelphia for first place in the Atlantic Division.

Mike Comrie had two goals and Frederick Meyer two assists for the Islanders, who scored more than two goals for the first time in six games.

Therrien criticized Whitney after a 4-3 overtime loss in New Jersey, telling reporters he was "not aggressive at all." There was speculation Whitney would not dress for Thursday's game after the Penguins recalled rookie defenseman Alex Goligoski the following day.

Goligoski was scratched, and Whitney turned in his third career two-goal game and fourth career three-point outing. Whitney scored 9 minutes into the game and had three points by the midway point of the game.

"I was pretty excited after that first goal, and I think it's pretty easy to figure out why," said Whitney, adding jokingly that Therrien should call him out after every game. "Obviously, you want to bounce back. It was nice to get on the board right there."

After allowing the Islanders to tie it midway through the third, the Penguins got the winner on an unassisted goal by Letang. Skating down the right boards, the rookie defenseman flipped a wrist shot that appeared to deflect off a defenseman's stick and went over Islanders goalie Rick DiPietro's shoulder.

"I just saw the goalie down and the defenseman was backing up so I just tried to put it on net and make something happen," said Letang, who scored his third of the season.

The Islanders got the first goal 4:31 into the first with a fluky goal when Penguins goalie Ty Conklin misplayed the puck on a clearing attempt in the left-wing corner and was forced to watch helplessly as Andy Hilbert collected it and fed Comrie for his 15th goal of the season. Comrie's goal, his first in 11 games, was his 300th NHL point.

The Islanders entered the game 17-2-4 when scoring first, but the Penguins negated that less than 5 minutes later with their first power-play goal. Seconds after DiPietro stopped Ryan Malone's open shot, Whitney scored his 10th goal of the season after some crisp passing by Malkin and Sykora.

Malone gave the Penguins a 2-1

(See WHITNEY, Page 2B)

Ryan Whitney is mobbed by his teammates after scoring one of his two goals in a 4-3 win over the New York Islanders.

SPORTS

Shaq: Sun(s) will rise in Phoenix

Big man is all the Suns needed to put them over the top says team's newst player.

PHOENIX (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal watched the Phoenix Suns from afar and knew what they were missing.

"A big man," he said.

They don't come much bigger than Shaq. The question that hangs over the stunning trade that brought him to the Suns from Miami is how much he has left after dragging that big body up and down the court for 15 1/2 NBA seasons.

"I have a lot left," he insisted at a Thursday news conference to introduce him as a Sun.

As for the many critics of the trade, he said, "I look forward to making people eat their words."

Wearing a Suns' purple shirt and tie with his immaculate dark suit, O'Neal charmed the jam-packed room at US Airways Center.

Someone asked if he knew he looked good in purple.

"I already knew that," O'Neal said. "But thank you very much."

He acknowledged a new motivation after going from a team with the worst record in the NBA to one with the best record in the Western Conference. Widespread criticism of the deal has not gone unnoticed.

"I'm very upset," he said. "You just don't really want to get me upset. When I'm upset, I'm known to do certain things — like win championships."

Phoenix is without a title in the team's 40-year history.

The Suns have had the most entertaining team in basketball since Steve Nash arrived three-plus seasons ago to orchestrate coach Mike D'Antoni's ultra-fast style. But they have never made it to the finals, and the trade confirmed the belief that this version of the Suns, despite its record, wasn't going to be able to do it, either.

Shaquille O'Neal

"I think with the addition of me it gives the guys the extra that we can make it," O'Neal said. "The first thing it takes in winning a championship is belief. If you can believe that you can do it, you can get it done. If there's ever a doubt that 'Hey, we can't do it,' you will never win. Now I think the guys really, really believe that we have a shot."

The presence of a 7-foot-1, 325-pound man in the middle should go a long way toward erasing Phoenix's image as a "soft" team. His four championship rings give him extra credibility, and his personality should, as he put it, "amp up" what has been a joyless Suns team this season.

He will energize the locker room, he said, "just by being me."

O'Neal, out for two weeks with a hip injury, said his new teammate Grant Hill, who has a long history of injuries, told him how good the Suns' training staff is.

O'Neal said he hopes to be able to play before the All-Star break (Feb. 15-19). His streak of 14 consecutive All-Star appearances ended this season.

A more realistic timeline would have him coming back after the break. Phoenix's first game back will be at home against the Los Angeles Lakers, the franchise he helped win three titles. He brushed aside any talk of "silly rivalries."

"I'm not concerned with other teams. I'm the assistant vice general manager of this team," he said to laughter, then he added. "They (the Lakers) have been playing well all year. Kobe's one of the best players in the league, and he's always been. They're playing well and Pau Gasol is a great, fundamentally sound big man."

He dismissed the notion that he can't fit in with the Suns' running style.

"I've been hearing a lot of, 'He can't run, he can't do this,'" O'Neal said. "You're going to be very surprised. You know in traditional basketball, when a team runs a lot, there's always been somebody to ignite the break. If I'm getting that rebound I'm going to be igniting that break. If I don't get the rebound, I'm going to try to be the first one down, because I know Nash is going to look for me."

Of course, this man of many words already has thought up a slogan.

"Start selling the T-shirts now, all the marketing people," he said. "I'm giving you this one for free: 'The Sun will rise in Phoenix.' Start selling them now, $9.99 at the Phoenix Suns store."

Today's athletes are no role models

Many of the stars can teach you what not to do.

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Columnist

The truest thing any athlete ever said about being a role model was uttered by the worst role model ever.

Keep that in mind when the "he said, he said" dispute between Roger Clemens and his former personal trainer unfolds in Congress next week. It might help you decide whom to believe.

Mike Tyson's tailspin was just a twirl from hitting rock bottom in the middle of June 2002. He was standing in the ballroom of a Tunica, Miss., casino, shilling for the last big prizefight of his life, against Lennox Lewis three days later in nearby Memphis.

Just about every penny of Tyson's purse had already been pledged to the IRS or one of his ex-wives. But as a drawing card, he was still irresistible. A busload of school kids and radio-contest winners were on hand as a backdrop. They took turns yelling questions.

"Mike, are you a role model?"

Tyson didn't think long or hard.

"I could teach you what not to do," he said, smiling broadly.

So could we all.

Few of us ever do so on a grand stage, however, because even fewer ever climb that high. Yet all too often, some of those who do forget an essential lesson. It used to be called a tragic flaw. Whatever outsized desire got them there — ambition, arrogance, an insatiable appetite, the need for approval — is the same one that lands them in trouble. This week, there seemed to be a cluster.

In Nevada, a high school senior staged an elaborate recruiting ruse because he wanted to play Division I football so badly he risked being exposed in front of millions rather than face the truth all alone.

In the Dominican Republic, a two-year-old video showed two already famous athletes foolishly lending some glamour to a cockfight. Mets pitching star Pedro Martinez and former great Juan Marichal were seen on the YouTube video serving as "soltadores" — honorary cornermen — in their nation's biggest cockfighting venue. Then they watched two birds fight to the death for sheer entertainment. It's hardly sport, even if it's legal, and never a good idea for a photo-op.

Then there's the ever-deepening Clemens saga. Just when it appeared the dispute couldn't get any more sordid, lawyers for Brian McNamee, his former trainer, let slip word that gauze pads and syringes they said had Clemens' blood was turned over to an IRS special agent last month.

"We believe that this is significant corroboration," McNamee's lead lawyer, Earl Ward, said the day before his client dropped by Congress to give a sworn deposition.

Clemens lawyer Rusty Hardin laughed at that characterization Thursday, even as his clie nt went door-to-door along those same halls, personally delivering the same message to a select group of lawmakers.

"McNamee really did us a great favor yesterday because it truly revealed what he's out to do — and that's to destroy Roger," Hardin added.

Hardin is probably right about this much: Whatever McNamee has probably won't rise to the level of admissible evidence in a real court. There are chain-of-custody issues, McNamee's timing is suspicious and the fact he kept those items so long casts doubts on his motivation in the first place.

But while the answers Clemens and McNamee give under oath and before the TV cameras could have legal implications, the real venue will be the court of public opinion.

On that telling day eight years ago, right after Tyson stopped smiling, someone in the crowd asked a follow-up question.

"Mike, do you feel pressure to be a role model?"

This time, Tyson paused.

"You don't think I want to do those Wheaties commercials? You don't think I want those endorsement deals? But it's not in me to say 'Yes, sir. No, sir.' It is just not in me."

WVU football players in felony drug charges

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia football coach Bill Stewart dismissed three players charged with felony possession of marijuana with the intent to deliver.

Linebacker John Holmes, defensive lineman James Ingram and running back Ed Collington were kicked off for violating team rules, Stewart said in a statement Thursday. None was a starter.

"These three players are dismissed from all aspects of the Mountaineer football family," Stewart said.

They will, however, retain their scholarships through the end of the school year, pending the legal process.

The Monongalia County sheriff's department says the three were acting suspiciously as they left an apartment complex Tuesday night and were later pulled over for speeding. After smelling a strong odor of marijuana, deputies searched the vehicle and found individually wrapped bags of marijuana.

After Ingram allegedly told a deputy he had illegal drugs at his apartment, investigators found marijuana and bags used to package the drug in a bedroom.

Holmes, a junior from Rockledge, Fla., played in all 13 games last season. He had 39 tackles, one sack and one fumble recovery.

Collington played in seven games last season. The junior from Pittsburgh rushed for 83 yards and two touchdowns.

Ingram, a sophomore from Cleveland Heights, Ohio, played in five games and recorded two tackles.

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SPORTS DIGEST

BV Area girls in underdog role

The Belle Vernon Area High's girls basketball team will be in the underdog role when they play Blackhawk at 6:30 p.m. today at Chartiers Valley in the preliminary round of the Class AAA playoffs.

BVA (6-18) made the playoff by finishing tied for fourth with Steel Valley in Section 5 while Blackhawk (15-9) came in third to Hopewell and Ambridge in Section 2.

Coached by Tim Keefer, the Lady Leps are led by senior Kayla Watson and sophomores Jocelyn Connolly, Lisa Manderino and Jessalyn Timko.

Monessen Jrs. close with win

Monessen Junior High's basketball team closed the season with an 18-3 record after downing Greensburg Central Catholic, 59-51, with Cam Johnson (18) and Josh Stepoli (12) combining for 30 points.

Pikulsky rolls 300 at Mount Vernon

Valley Independent staff writer Jeff Pikulsky joined the 300 club in the Thursday Nite Classic League at the Mount Vernon Bowling Lanes.
in Uniontown.

A 205 average bowler, Pikilsky finished with a 751 series with 204 and 247 in the other games.

Partridge leaves Pitt for Wisconsin

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pitt assistant coach Charlie Partridge resigned Thursday to become the defensive line coach and to work with the specialists at Wisconsin.

Partridge is the fifth assistant to leave coach Dave Wannstedt's staff since the Panthers ended a 5-7 season, including defensive coordinator Paul Rhoads. He left after eight seasons to take the same job at Auburn.

Partridge was the Panthers' special teams coordinator after holding several other jobs on their staff since 2003.

"I tried to hire Charlie for my original staff here at Wisconsin," Wisconsin coach Brett Bielema said in a statement issued by the school. "He has a lot of experience and success on the defensive side of the ball, as well as with special teams."

Trivia answer

Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Robert Morris tops Fairleigh Dickinson

CORAOPOLIS, Pa. (AP) — Jeremy Chappell scored 17 points and Francisco Bateko had 13 to lead Robert Morris to a 95-45 victory over Fairleigh Dickinson on Thursday.

Monessen's A.J. Jackson added 12 points and three rebounds for Robert Morris (18-6, 9-2 Northeast Conference). Gary Wallace finished with 11 points and Tony Lee had 10.

The Colonials easily overcame the visiting Knights, who took the court without three starters and had just eight players on hand. Manny Ubilla scored 17 points for Fairleigh Dickinson (6-15, 2-9) and Eric Hazard added 10.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Belle Vernon Area's Tom Parks set a school single-game scoring record with 45 points in a 95-65 romp at Brownsville to clinch the Leps' second section title.

Julius Dawkins scored 26 points in Monessen's 84-72 loss at Uniontown.

Ringgold downed Connellsville, 70-51, behind Rick Webb's 24 points.

Robbie Uhlman scored 25 points in Charleroi's 81-58 victory over Yough.

Linda Shorter scored 20 points in Belle Vernon Area's 48-44 win over Monessen.

20 Years Ago

Traci Stasicha and Pam Mountsier both had 14 points in Charleroi's 49-41 win over Peters Township.

Mon Valley Catholic topped Jefferson-Morgan, 56-46, behind Jennifer Niclaus' 16 points.

Ereka Woods scored 13 of her game-high 19 points in the fourth quarter to lead Monessen to a 48-42 upset win over Carmichaels.

Ringgold tied a school record with its 11th win in a 68-29 rout of Tri-Valley behind sophomore Melissa Lazzari's 17 points.

Kris Hodgson's penalty shot in the final second gave Ringgold a 6-5 hocxkey win over Belle Vernon Area.

10 Years Ago

Latitia Williams had 11 points and 15 rebounds in Monessen's 55-36 loss to Geibel.

Pitt snapped a six-game losing skid with an 89-79 win over Boston College behind sophomore Jarrett Lockhart's 25 points.

Pitt (FROM PAGE ONE)

eight points.

"I've never been involved in anything like that," Huggins said.

Of the final play, Huggins said, "He (Ramon) made a big shot. We said we can't let him beat us or Sam Young beat us. ... But the reality is we're relying on people we shouldn't be relying on."

Dixon and his staff screamed repeatedly at officials that the wrong shooter was at the line. Because a timeout was called immediately after Alexander shot, the officials could review the tape. If play hadn't stopped, the mistake wouldn't have been correctable.

Dixon became impatient with repeated questions about the mistake, saying, "Too much is being made of it. The right call was made. What I don't know is why it took that long. We said all along it was the wrong shooter."

There were no right shooters for the Mountaineers on a night in which they shot a combined 37 percent (27-of-70) from the field and the foul line.

Huggins — apparently unhappy with a defensive breakdown that led to Wanamaker's basket — screamed at Alexander for most of a 60-second time out, then pulled his leading scorer for the next 3 minutes. Huggins' tirade must have had a positive effect as the Mountaineers scored the next eight points to retake the lead at 53-50 on Nichols' bank shot 3-pointer from the top of the key with 1:22 remaining.

Alexander, also pulled by Huggins in the first half when the two had an apparent disagreement over defensive responsibilities, was held to five points on 2-of-11 shooting, or nine points below his average.

West Virginia, which has lost seven of eight in Pittsburgh, took an early 13-9 lead but Pitt responded with a 10-0 run that was finished off by Blair's midcourt steal and jam. In a game featuring frequent lead changes and ever-shifting momentum, West Virginia came back with a 7-0 run and led 27-26 at halftime.

Whitney (FROM PAGE ONE)

lead early in the second period when he deflected a Whitney shot from the point out of mid-air and between the pads of DiPietro. Malkin, who won only five of 21 faceoffs three nights earlier in a loss at New Jersey, won a faceoff cleanly to begin the play.

But the Islanders scored again 4 minutes later when Ruslan Fedotenko beat Conklin on the glove side. Fedotenko was standing in the right slot when he took a feed from Trent Hunter while on the power play for his ninth of the season.

Whitney's second came 11:33 into the second when he converted a pass from Malkin, backhanding it past DiPietro to give the Penguins a 3-2 lead. It was Pittsburgh's 10th power-play goal in their past 29 attempts at home.

"We've got to shoot the puck, and we did that tonight," Whitney said. "I think we had seven shots on three power plays. Our power play's been pretty good lately."

Comrie's second tied it with 10:47 left during a power play. With Richard Park stickhandling behind the net, Conklin shuffled back and forth on his knees. Park fed Comrie, who was along the goal line near the left-wing boards, and Comrie flipped a wrist shot up over Conklin's right shoulder.

Malkin broke a tie with teammate Sidney Crosby for ninth place in the NHL scoring race — Crosby has missed the past eight games with a high ankle sprain — and has 66 points, seven behind league leader Alexander Ovechkin of Washington. Malkin has eight points in his past three games.

SPORTS

Basketball playoffs

Boys
Class AAAA
Today
At Penn State Allegheny
8 p.m. - Central Catholic (19-4) vs Latrobe (16-8)
At Fox Chapel
8 p.m. - North Allegheny (22-2) vs Gateway (9-14)
At North Allegheny
8 p.m. - Norwin (18-6) vs Butler (13-8)
At North Hills
8 p.m. - Moon (17-6) vs Plum (10-13)
Saturday
At Plum
1:30 p.m. - McKeesport (17-3) vs Hempfield (10-13)
At North Hills
1:30 p.m. - Seneca Valley (17-7) vs Upper St. Clair (19-5)
At North Allegheny
3 p.m. - Canon-McMillan (17-7) vs Shaler (12-11)
At Gateway
1:30 p.m. - Franklin Regional (18-6) vs Peters Township (16-8)
Class AAA
Today
At Belle Vernon Area
8 p.m. - Laurel Highlands (12-10) vs South Park (10-13)
At Hempfield
8 p.m. - Mars (12-9) vs Mt. Pleasant (9-13)
At Chartiers Valley
8 p.m. - Ambridge (8-15) vs West Mifflin (10-11)
Saturday
At North Allegheny
Noon - Ringgold (8-16) vs Hampton (13-10)
At Ringgold
1:30 p.m. - Thomas Jefferson (9-13) vs Derry (7-17)
Tuesday or Wednesday
Sites to be determined
Belle Vernon Area (19-5) vs Keystone Oaks (14-10)
Greensburg Salem (18-5) vs Montour (14-10)
Indiana (19-5) vs Steel Valley (16-5)
Chartiers Valley (22-2) vs Valley-Mt. Pleasant winner
Uniontown (18-4) vs Ambridge-West Mifflin winner
Blackhawk (19-5) vs Laurel Highlands-South Park winner
Highlands (19-4) vs Thomas Jefferson-Derry winner
Hopewell (18-5) vs Ringgold-Hampton winner
Class AA
Today
At South Fayette
8 p.m. - Greensburg Central (16-8) vs Northgate (7-16)
At Aliquippa
8 p.m. - Quaker Valley (15-9) vs Summit Academy (11-11)
At Trinity
8 p.m. - Burgettstown (19-5) vs Canevin (12-12)
Saturday
At Fox Chapel
Noon - Center (15-7) vs West Shamokin (16-6)
3 p.m. - Brentwood (14-8) vs Springdale (16-6)
At Chartiers Valley
1:30 p.m. - Seton LaSalle (12-12) vs Brownsville (11-13)
At Highlands
3 p.m. - Shady Side Academy (17-7) vs Neshannock (11-10)
At New Castle
1:30 p.m. - Mohawk (12-7) vs Ford City (13-11)
Tuesday or Wednesday
Sites to be determined
Monessen (18-5) vs Mohawk-Ford City winner
Beaver Falls (19-3) vs Brentwood-Springdale winner
Washington (18-6) vs Greensburg Central-Northgate winner
North Catholic (21-3) vs Quaker Valley-Summit Academy winner
Riverside (23-1) vs Seton LaSalle-Brownsville winner
Jeannette (16-4) vs Center-West Shamokin winner
South Fayette (19-5) vs Shady Side Academy-Neshannock winner
Aliquippa (16-8) vs Burgettstown-Canevin winner
Class A
Today
At Charleroi
8 p.m. - California (15-5) vs Elderton (5-19)
At West Allegheny
8 p.m. - Bentworth (15-7) vs Sewickley Academy (11-8)
At Keystone Oaks
8 p.m. - Union (14-6) vs Mapletown (13-10)
Saturday
At Monessen
2:30 p.m. - St. Joseph (13-10) vs Carmichaels (18-4)
At Highlands
Noon - Lincoln Park (14-6) vs Leechburg (7-11)
At Northgate
1:30 p.m. - Wilkinsburg (12-10) vs Cornell (12-9)
At South Park
Noon - Clairton (11-10) vs Monaca (10-13)
3 p.m. - Trinity Christian (31-6) vs Geibel (6-14)
Tuesday or Wednesday
Serra (21-2) vs St. Joseph-Carmichaels winner

Girls
Class AAAA
Today
At Penn State Allegheny
6:30 p.m. - Latrobe (14-10) vs Oakland Catholic (14-10)
At North Allegheny
6:30 p.m. - New Castle (18-5) vs Bethel Park (12-11)
At Hempfield
6:30 p.m. - Woodland Hills (17-7) vs Uniontown (14-10)
Saturday
At North Hills
Noon - Upper St. Clair (18-5) vs North Allegheny (13-10)
3 p.m. - Norwin (23-1) vs Seneca Valley (1-14)
At Plum
Noon - Mt. Lebanon (22-2) vs McKeesport (13-11)
3 p.m. - Butler (22-2) vs Hempfield (18-6)
At Gateway
Noon - Fox Chapel (17-7) vs Peters Township (17-7)
Class AAA
Today
At Chartiers Valley
6:30 p.m. - Belle Vernon Area (6-18) vs Blackhawk (15-9)
At North Hills
6:30 p.m. - West Allegheny (12-11) vs Moon (8-15)
At Trinity
6:30 p.m. - Southmoreland (17-6) vs McGuffey (9-15)
Saturday
At Ringgold
Noon - Thomas Jefferson (10-13) vs Laurel Highlands (9-14)
3 p.m. - Derry (13-10) vs Keystone Oaks (6-16)At Gateway
3 p.m. - Mars (11-12) vs Franklin Regional (10-14)
At Fox Chapel
1:30 p.m. - Highlands (14-10) vs Steel Valley (11-12)
Tuesday or Wednesday
Sites to be determined
Ringgold (17-7) vs Blackhawk-Belle Vernon Area winner
Hampton (22-2) vs Thomas Jefferson-Laurel Highlands winner
Mt. Pleasant (17-6) vs Ambridge (15-8)
Indiana (21-3) vs Derry-Keystone Oaks winner
Elizabeth Forward (20-4) vs West Allegheny-Moon winner
West Mifflin (21-3) vs Southmoreland-McGuffey winner
Chartiers Valley (18-6) vs Highlands-Steel Valley winner
Class AA
Today
At Belle Vernon Area
6:30 p.m. - South Park (16-8) vs Beth-Center (14-9)
At South Fayette
6:30 p.m. - Sto-Rox (14-7) vs Northgate (9-10)
Saturday
At Northgate
3 p.m. - Charleroi (13-11) vs Wilkinsburg (11-9)
At North Allegheny
1:30 p.m. - South Fayette (16-8) vs Apollo-Ridge (14-8)
At New Castle
Noon - Ford City (17-6) vs Deer Lakes (9-14)
3 p.m. - Canevin (18-6) vs Mohawk (10-13)
At Chartiers Valley
Noon - Brownsville (15-8) vs Riverview (10-14)
3 p.m. - Seton-LaSalle (13-11) vs Quaker Valley (13-11)
At Highlands
1:30 p.m. - Shady Side Academy (17-7) vs Jeannette (14-10)
Tuesday or Wednesday
Sacred Heart (22-1) vs South Fayette-Apollo-Ridge winner
Riverside (17-7) vs Charleroi-Wilkinsburg winner
Beaver Falls (15-8) vs Ford City-Deer Lakes winner
Washington (22-1) vs Seton-LaSalle-Quaker Valley winner
Beaver (15-6) vs Shady Side Academy-Jeannette winner
Greensburg Central (16-7) vs Brownsville-Riverview winner
Neshannock (16-7) vs South Park-Beth-Center winner
Class A
Today
At Charleroi
6:30 p.m. - Monessen (23-0) vs California (8-13)
At Aliquippa
6:30 p.m. - Avonworth (12-9) vs Rochester (16-7)
At Fox Chapel
6:30 p.m. - Mt. Alvernia (13-8) vs Clairton (9-8)
At Keystone Oaks
6:30 p.m. - Quigley (17-7) vs Mapletown (14-6)
At West Allegheny
6:30 p.m. - Vincentian (15-8) vs Avella (12-10)
Saturday
At Monessen
1 p.m. - Serra (15-9) vs Carmichaels (12-11)
At Northgate
Noon - North Catholic (20-4) vs Cornell (7-11)
At South Park
1:30 p.m. - Geibel (17-6) vs Monaca (10-12)

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	29	1	0	58
Wooster	14	13	2	30
Jamestown	12	18	0	24
Mon Valley	10	15	3	23
Valley Forge	8	19	2	18

Today
Mon Valley at Jamestown, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Wooster at Mon Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Valley Forge at Indiana

Pens summary

N.Y. Islanders	1	1	1 - 3
Pittsburgh	1	2	1 - 4

First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Comrie 15 (Hilbert, Guerin), 4:31. 2, Pittsburgh, Whitney 10 (Sykora, Malkin), 9:04 (pp). Penalties—Bergenheim, NYI (tripping), 8:23; Comrie, NYI, major (fighting), 9:19; Talbot, Pit, major (fighting), 9:19.

Second Period—3, Pittsburgh, Malone 16 (Whitney, Malkin), 2:24. 4, N.Y. Islanders, Fedotenko 9 (Hunter, Meyer), 6:30 (pp). 5, Pittsburgh, Whitney 11 (Malkin, Gonchar), 11:33 (pp). Penalties—Beech, Pit (tripping), 5:13; Sutton, NYI (interference), 10:22; Sutton, NYI (hooking), 12:36; Ruutu, Pit (hooking), 17:09.

Third Period—6, N.Y. Islanders, Comrie 16 (Park, Meyer), 10:47 (pp). 7, Pittsburgh, Letang 3, 16:21. Penalty—Armstrong, Pit (tripping), 8:54.

Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 11-10-11—32. Pittsburgh 9-13-5—27.

Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Islanders 2 of 3; Pittsburgh 2 of 3.

Goalies—N.Y. Islanders, DiPietro 19-21-6 (27 shots-23 saves). Pittsburgh, Conklin 13-3-3 (32-29).

A—17,075 (16,940). T—2:27.

Referees—Dave Jackson, Don Koharski. Linesmen—Ryan Galloway, Lyle Seitz.

Pitt lineups

PITT - 55

Brown 1-5 3-4 5, Young 4-6 0-0 10, Blair 3-13 1-3 7, Benjamin 4-12 2-2 10, Ramon 2-6 2-2 8, Biggs 2-3 0-1 4, Wanamaker 3-4 0-0 7, McGhee 1-1 2-4 4. Totals 20-50 10-16 55.

WEST VIRGINIA - 54

Butler 1-9 3-6 6, Alexander 2-11 0-2 5, Smalligan 1-2 0-0 3, Nichols 6-15 2-4 16, Ruoff 1-1 2-4 5, Thoroughman 0-2 0-1 0, Mazzulla 6-7 0-0 15, Brown 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 2-3 0-0 4, Flowers 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 19-53 7-17 54.

Halftime—West Virginia 27-26.

3-Point Goals—West Virginia 9-19 (Mazzulla 3-4, Nichols 2-7, Alexander 1-1, Smalligan 1-1, Ruoff 1-1, Butler 1-4, Brown 0-1), Pittsburgh 5-15 (Young 2-2, Ramon 2-6, Wanamaker 1-1, Brown 0-2, Benjamin 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—West Virginia 35 (Smith 6), Pittsburgh 39 (Blair 12). Assists—West Virginia 9 (Alexander 3), Pittsburgh 11 (Brown, Ramon 3). Total Fouls—West Virginia 17, Pittsburgh 17.

A—12,508.

Boston star Kevin Garnett leads the Celtics against Minnesota, 8 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today
Television
3 p.m. - Golf Channel - Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, golf.
8 p.m - ESPN - Boston at Minnesota, pro basketball.
9 p.m. -ESPN2 - Darnell Wilson vs BJ Flores, boxing.
10:30 p.m. - ESPN - Washington at Denver, pro basketball.
Radio
6:30 p.m. - WBVP (1230) WMBA (1460) - Belle Vernon Area vs Blackhawk, high school girls basketball.

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	30	18	5	65	172	150
Pittsburgh	30	19	5	65	159	147
New Jersey	30	20	4	64	140	131
N.Y. Rangers	27	24	6	60	140	144
N.Y. Islanders	24	25	6	54	131	160

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	33	18	4	70	190	163
Montreal	29	17	9	67	175	154
Boston	27	21	5	59	139	142
Buffalo	25	21	7	57	158	150
Toronto	22	25	9	53	154	182

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	26	24	5	57	160	172
Carolina	26	26	4	56	165	178
Atlanta	26	27	4	56	155	185
Florida	25	26	5	55	149	158
Tampa Bay	23	27	5	51	160	183

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	41	11	4	86	188	120
Nashville	28	21	6	62	156	147
Columbus	26	23	7	59	138	143
St. Louis	24	21	7	55	135	149
Chicago	24	25	5	53	148	157

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	30	20	4	64	149	144
Colorado	29	21	5	63	156	152
Calgary	27	20	8	62	157	160
Vancouver	27	21	7	61	144	137
Edmonton	25	26	5	55	150	166

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	33	20	5	71	168	145
San Jose	29	17	7	65	140	129
Anaheim	29	22	7	65	143	147
Phoenix	28	23	4	60	151	151
Los Angeles	23	30	3	49	160	184

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Thursday's Games
Vancouver 2, Atlanta 1
Toronto 4, Montreal 2
Anaheim 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
Ottawa 5, Florida 4
Los Angeles 5, Detroit 3
Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Islanders 3
Dallas 1, Minnesota 0
Tampa Bay 2, Nashville 1, OT
Columbus 2, Phoenix 1
Chicago 3, Calgary 1
Today's Games
Anaheim at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 7 p.m.
Boston at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

College basketball

MEN
EAST
Cent. Connecticut St. 85, Quinnipiac 71
George Mason 75, Drexel 65
Long Island U. 71, St. Francis, Pa. 61
Loyola, Md. 81, St. Peter's 69
Massachusetts 78, Rhode Island 76
Pittsburgh 55, West Virginia 54
Robert Morris 95, Fairleigh Dickinson 45
Sacred Heart 74, Monmouth, N.J. 62
Wagner 83, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 75, OT
SOUTH
Belmont 85, Jacksonville 78
Boise St. 73, Louisiana Tech 61
Campbell 75, Kennesaw St. 55
Chattanooga 66, Furman 63
Clemson 82, Virginia 51
Coll. of Charleston 68, Appalachian St. 63
E. Kentucky 60, Murray St. 47
Gardner-Webb 84, Mercer 71
Georgia Southern 72, W. Carolina 63
IPFW 65, Centenary 44
Lamar 72, Nicholls St. 68, OT
Lipscomb 74, North Florida 42
Middle Tennessee 63, Ark.-Little Rock 46
Morehead St. 75, SE Missouri 63
South Alabama 81, Arkansas St. 58
Tenn.-Martin 91, Tennessee St. 80
Tennessee Tech 87, Jacksonville St. 85, OT
Wofford 59, UNC Greensboro 56
MIDWEST
Austin Peay 72, E. Illinois 52
IUPUI 70, S. Dakota St. 56
Indiana 83, Illinois 79, 2OT
N. Dakota St. 86, W. Illinois 62
Wis.-Green Bay 76, Valparaiso 71, OT
Wright St. 55, Cleveland St. 49
Xavier 70, Saint Louis 68
Youngstown St. 55, Detroit 48
SOUTHWEST
Oral Roberts 60, Oakland, Mich. 53
W. Kentucky 94, North Texas 84
FAR WEST
Cal Poly 57, UC Irvine 56
California 81, Oregon St. 76
Denver 80, Troy 66
E. Washington 59, Sacramento St. 57
Long Beach St. 63, UC Davis 52
N. Colorado 76, Idaho St. 66
Nevada 84, San Jose St. 46
Pacific 78, CS Northridge 73, OT
Portland St. 71, N. Arizona 68
Southern Cal 73, Washington 59
Stanford 72, Oregon 43
UCLA 67, Washington St. 59
Utah St. 77, Fresno St. 72

WOMEN
EAST
Delaware 42, Va. Commonwealth 37
Drexel 64, Georgia St. 48
Duke 51, Boston College 41
James Madison 80, Northeastern 58
William & Mary 56, Towson 53
SOUTH
E. Kentucky 79, Murray St. 76
Florida 73, Auburn 67
Florida St. 57, N.C. State 54
Jacksonville St. 69, Tennessee Tech 65
Kentucky 59, Mississippi 54
LSU 89, Alabama 53
Miami 54, Georgia Tech 52
North Carolina 79, Clemson 47
Old Dominion 71, George Mason 61
SE Louisiana 72, McNeese St. 58
SE Missouri 50, Morehead St. 48
Southern Miss. 76, Memphis 56
Tenn.-Martin 73, Tennessee St. 57
Tennessee 87, Mississippi St. 69
Tulane 70, East Carolina 65
UAB 85, UCF 67
UNC Wilmington 79, Hofstra 72
UTEP 60, Marshall 54
Vanderbilt 78, South Carolina 48
Wake Forest 67, Virginia Tech 50
MIDWEST
Bradley 62, Indiana St. 50
Butler 56, Ill.-Chicago 48
Chicago St. 103, Calumet 41
Cleveland St. 68, Wis.-Milwaukee 58
E. Illinois 67, Austin Peay 48
Indiana 74, Northwestern 58
Iowa 82, Michigan St. 64
Michigan 68, Penn St. 53
Minnesota 61, Illinois 56
N. Iowa 64, Illinois St. 62
Purdue 68, Ohio St. 67
Valparaiso 69, Loyola of Chicago 62
Wis.-Green Bay 75, Youngstown St. 47
SOUTHWEST
Georgia 72, Arkansas 58
Houston 63, Tulsa 49
Lamar 80, Nicholls St. 55
SMU 70, Rice 68, OT
Texas-San Antonio 72, Sam Houston St. 48
FAR WEST
Boise St. 70, Louisiana Tech 54
Cal Poly 84, UC Irvine 65
California 56, Oregon St. 45
Denver 77, Troy 76, OT
Loyola Marymount 75, Gonzaga 60
Nevada 78, San Jose St. 62
New Mexico St. 54, Idaho 51
Pacific 66, CS Northridge 52
Portland 84, Pepperdine 83, 2OT
Portland St. 89, N. Arizona 63
Sacramento St. 81, E. Washington 72
Stanford 72, Oregon 43
UC Davis 51, Long Beach St. 48
UC Santa Barbara 72, Cal St.-Fullerton 63
Utah Valley St. 78, N.J. Tech 69
Weber St. 60, N. Colorado 50

In the NBA

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia 101, Miami 84
Houston 92, Cleveland 77
Chicago 114, Golden State 108
Today's Games
L.A. Lakers at Orlando, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Portland at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Washington at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

PSAC standings

Men
Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
California	6	0	15	4
Edinboro	5	1	15	5
Indiana	4	2	12	9
Clarion	3	3	11	9
Slippery Rock	2	4	4	16
Lock Haven	1	5	1	19
Shippensburg	0	6	6	15

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Cheyney	5	1	13	6
Kutztown	5	1	13	7
Millersville	4	2	15	6
Mansfield	3	3	15	6
East Stroudsburg	2	4	13	7
West Chester	2	4	12	10
Bloomsburg	0	6	8	12

Wednesday
California 71, Edinboro 64
Clarion 76, Slippery Rock 63
Indina 70, Lock Haven 57
Mansfield 64, Bloomsburg 56
Kutztown 78, East Stroudsburg 56
Millersville 75, West Chester 62
Saturday
California at Clarion (7:30 p.m.)
Shippensburg at Edinboro
Lock Haven at Slippery Rock
Cheyney at Bloomsburg
West Chestr at Kutztown
Millersville at Mansfield
Penn State Schuykill at E. Stroudsburg

Women
Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	5	1	20	2
California	4	2	17	4
Shippensburg	4	2	16	5
Clarion	4	2	14	6
Edinboro	2	4	12	8
Slippery Rock	1	5	7	14
Lock Haven	1	5	6	14

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	6	0	17	4
West Chester	4	2	12	8
Cheyney	3	3	6	13
East Stroudsburg	3	3	9	11
Kutztown	2	4	9	12
Bloomsburg	2	4	7	14
Mansfield	1	5	6	15

Wednesday
Edinboro 70, California 65
Clarion 65, Slippery Rock 48
Indiana 71, Lock Haven 54
Bloomsburg 72, Mansfield 58
East Stroudsburg 67, Kutztown 59
Millersville 73, West Chester 63
Saturday
California at Clarion (5:30 p.m.)
Shippensburg at Edinboro
Lock Haven at Slippery Rock
Cheyney at Bloomsburg
West Chester at Kutztown
Millersville at Mansfield

Sports moves

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with RHP Daniel Cabrera, RHP Jim Hoey and LHP Troy Patton on one-year contracts. Named Felipe Alou Jr. Dominican operations assistant.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms with INF Matt Brown, C Ryan Budde, RHP Jason Bulger, OF Terry Evans and RHP Jeff Kennard.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with 2B Robinson Cano on a four-year contract.
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with INF Eric Hinske on a minor league contract.
National League
FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with OF Luis Gonzalez on a one-year contract. Designated RHP Marcos Carvajal for assignment.
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with OF Ryan Church on a one-year contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Sent LHP Sean Burnett outright to Indianapolis (IL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League
DETROIT LIONS—Named Sam Gash running backs coach.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed Steve Spagnuolo, defensive coordinator, to a three-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Re-signed QB Shaun Hill.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Named Greg Olson quarterbacks coach.

Latest Line

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Feb 10		
Pro Bowl		
Aloha Stadium-Honolulu, HI.		
AFC	3 (63)	NFC

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
ORLANDO	2	LA Lakers
TORONTO	9	LA Clippers
CHARLOTTE	3	New Jersey
San Antonio	7	New York
ATLANTA	2	Cleveland
DALLAS	13	Memphis
PHOENIX	14	Seattle
Utah	No line	Sacramento
DENVER	No line	Washington

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TV LISTINGS

Man's marriage proposal may become family affair

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I have waited 36 years to marry. Most would say I was the quintessential bachelor. When I was younger, I never thought I'd date anyone with a child. I didn't want to deal with the "baggage" I thought came with dating a single mother.

Needless to say, I have been dating a delightful woman who has a 4-year-old son with whom I get along great. We've dated for a year and a half, I love her, and it's time I propose.

The three of us are a little team, and I'm wondering, when I ask her to marry me, should I involve her son and buy something for him — and if so, what? I was thinking of a custom-made charm for a chain (remember, he's only 4). I would like it to be something he can keep with him the rest of his life. Your advice would be greatly appreciated. — **BACHELOR IN DOVER, N.H.**

DEAR BACHELOR: Your sentiments are endearing. Because you are a "team," it would be wonderful to involve the child in the proposal. You might include him in the "surprise" for his mother, or even propose becoming a family to both of them.

However, at 4, the boy is too young to entrust with a piece of expensive jewelry — and by the time he would be old enough to wear and appreciate it, a charm might not be in fashion, so I don't recommend it. The promise of your love and support is gift enough.

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Yvonne," has been struggling with a painful issue most of her adult life. Her parents show no interest in her. This has been the case since she was young. Yvonne has continually reached out to them without success. Her mother calls maybe once a year and never sends anything for her birthday or Christmas. Her father is pretty much nonexistent.

This has been affecting my wife more and more as she gets older. She's 29 and a wonderful mother and wife, but every time she sees a mother and daughter spending time together on TV or in public, it makes her very sad. She always comments that she wishes she was like that with her mother. I have tried to console her the best I can, but it doesn't help much. What can I do to help her overcome this? — **HURTS FOR MY WIFE IN WARREN, MICH.**

DEAR HURTS FOR MY WIFE: It appears you're doing all you can, but filling this hole in your wife's heart is more than a "civilian" can accomplish. She may need the help of a psychologist in order to repair the damage caused by her parents' neglect. Please suggest it to her because your wife may be more resilient than she thinks. I say this because she has been able to be an effective mother even though she had a poor role model to follow.

DEAR ABBY: I just found out that my mother has become engaged. I don't have a problem with it except for the fact that her fiance, "Harry," is younger than my brothers and me.

My father has passed away, and I do not intend to call Harry anything other than his first name. When I refer to him in conversation, should I call him my stepfather or my mother's husband? — **"STEPCHILD" IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR "STEPCHILD": You are all adults. Therefore I see nothing disrespectful in referring to Harry as your mother's husband.

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FRIDAY EVENING — FEB. 8, 2008

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS 2 KDKA 7 WTRF 10 WTAJ	News (N)	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric/ (7) Entertainment/ (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N)/ (7) Inside Edition/ (10) Two and a Half Men	Ghost Whisperer "No Safe Place" Melinda's life is in danger when she tries to help a stalking victim.		Moonlight "Arrested Development" Mick searches for a teen vampire who preys on female escorts he finds online.		NUMB3RS "Thirteen" The team chases a killer who leaves Bible verses at the scenes of his crimes.		News (N)	Late Show With David Letterman Colin Farrell; Blake Lively; Lenny Kravitz. (N)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Jessica Alba; Mo'Nique; Dierks Bentley. (N)		(2) Extra/ (7) The Insider/ (10) Everybody Loves Raymond "Party Dress"	(2) (10) Paid/ (7) That '70s Show Eric wants to borrow the car.	(2) Paid/ (7) H20 Vac V4C/ (10) AutomotiveVision.TV (N)
ABC 4 WTAE 23 WATM	(4) News (N)/ (23) The Insider Grammy preparations. (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition/ (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "Haunt You Every Day" Halloween is full of surprises for the doctors of Seattle Grace.		Desperate Housewives "Art Isn't Easy" A water sculpture prompts the neighborhood association into action.		20/20 (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		(4) Oprah Winfrey/ (23) Paid	(23) Paid	(4) Paid/ (23) Jerry Springer (N)	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC 6 WJAC 9 WTOV 11 WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight John Legend; Phil McGraw./ (9) (11) Jeopardy!	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N)/ (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune (N)	1 vs. 100 Jeremy Miller and Charlene Tilton help test one man's knowledge of pop culture. (N)		Friday Night Lights "May the Best Man Win" Brian is determined to get a football scholarship. (N)		Las Vegas "Win, Place, Bingo" Cooper, Danny and Josh are suspicious of a man's winning streak. (N)		News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night With Conan O'Brien (N)		Last Call With Carson Daly "The Girls Next Door."	Poker After Dark Alan "Boston" Dvorkis; Antonio Esfandiari; Mike Sexton; Mike Matusow; Jamie Gold; Paul Wasicka.	
FOX 8 WWCP 53 WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show/ (53) Frasier	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld "The Soup" Jerry accepts a suit from a comic.	Bones "A Boy in a Bush" Brennan identifies remains of a 5-year-old boy who went missing from a local park.		House "Sleeping Dogs Lie" A donor-recipient relationship throws the team into an ethical quandary.		(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10	(8) Seinfeld Jerry and George cope with women.	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Seinfeld	(8) Frasier/ (53) Scrubs	(8) Conspiracy Theory/ (53) Scrubs	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Sex and the City "Lights, Camera, Relationship"	(8) Paid/ (53) Cheaters
13 WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OffQ	Washington Week (N)	NOW on PBS (N)	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		Slavery and the Making of America		Charlie Rose (N)		OffQ	Tavis Smiley Jim Wallis.	Fly Boys: Western Pennsylvania's Tuskegee Airmen		Mystery! A doctor decides to murder his detestable wife.	
19 WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)				The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	That '70s Show "Pilot"	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid	Paid	Paid
22 WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	★ ★ ★ Sherrybaby (2006) An ex-con wants to raise her child.				TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
30 WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4		More Dreams Mohammed		Rescuers	Life Message	In Touch-Dr. Charles Stanley		CBN News	Richard and Lindsay Roberts		TV One Life	The Zone	Extreme Life	Ultimate	Pure Passion
49 WBGN	Temptation	Temptation	Degrassi	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	The Collector		ReGenesis "Escape Mutant"		Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Felony Flight"		CSI: NY		CSI: Miami "Shootout"		CSI: Miami "Cop Killer"		CSI: Miami "One Night Stand"		CSI: NY		CSI: Miami "Shootout"		CSI: Miami "Cop Killer"	
ABCFAM	8 Rules	8 Rules	Grounded-Life	★ ★ Never Been Kissed (1999) A reporter poses as a high-school student.					Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
AMC	★ ★ ★ ½ The Matrix (1999)				★ ★ ★ ½ Jurassic Park (1993)					★ ★ Species (1995)				★ ★ Puppet Master (1989)				★ ★ Species
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		Prehistoric Park "Insects"		Lemur King.	Lemur King.	Orangutan	Escape to Chimp Eden (N)		Clinically Wild	Lemur King.	Lemur King.	Orangutan	Escape to Chimp Eden		Clinically Wild	Prehistoric Park "Insects"	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Coupling	Coupling		Mitchell-Webb	BBC World News America		Coupling	Coupling		Mitchell-Webb	Coupling	Coupling		Mitchell-Webb
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)			Hell Date	★ ★ ★ ½ The Color Purple (1985) Based on Alice Walker's portrait of a rural black woman. Premiere.							Hell Date	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Comicview		BET Late	
BRAVO	The Millionaire Matchmaker		★ ★ ★ Bridget Jones's Diary (2001)				★ ★ ★ Bridget Jones's Diary (2001)				★ ★ ★ Bridget Jones's Diary (2001)				★ ★ ★ ½ Antwone Fisher (2002)			
CMT	Gone Country	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Gone Country	Home Videos	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money	Net Worth	The Suze Orman Show		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money		The Suze Orman Show		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	★ ★ ★ Nurse Betty (2000)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	Chappelle's	★ ★ ½ Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat (2002)			
COURT	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	World's Wildest		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Power, Privilege & Justice		Murder by the Book		World's Wildest		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Power, Privilege & Justice	
CSPAN	House of Rep.	Tonight From Washington			Presidential Libraries: History Uncovered				Tonight From Washington		Presidential Libraries: History Uncovered				Capital News Today		Today In Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	Survivorman		Man vs. Wild		Fight Quest Korean hapkido.		Fight Quest "France"		Survivorman		Man vs. Wild		Fight Quest Korean hapkido.	
DISNEY	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	★ ★ ½ Chicken Little (2005)			Phineas-Ferb	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Dragon	Buzz Light	Timon
E!	Pageant	Chelsea	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Love Behind Bars				The Soup (N)	Britney-Siege	E! News	Chelsea	The Daily 10	The Soup	Pink: True Hollywood Story		Britney-Siege	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter			NBA	NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Minnesota Timberwolves.					NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Denver Nuggets.					SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	College Basketball		American Gladiators		Boxing: 1995 Nunn vs. Scully		60 Min.	60 Min.	American Gladiators		Bull Riding: Xtreme Bulls		The Contender		Wrestling	Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	NASCAR Now	Rome-Burning	Dale Jr. — Shifting Gears (N)		Arm Wrestling	Arm Wrestling	Boxing Friday Night Fights.				SportsCenter		Gamenight	NFL Live	NASCAR Now	Strongest	NBA Basketball	
EWTN	Divine	Harambee	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Worth Living	Holy Rosary	Defending	Reasons	Rome Reports	Holy Land	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Worth Living	Defending
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live		Good Eats	Tasty Travels	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Paula's Party Donuts. (N)		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Paula's Party Donuts.		Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Pens Rewind	Savran on SportsBeat		Under-Lights	Boxing: Best Damn Champ. Fight Night Period — All Women's				SportsBeat	Final Score	Boxing: Best Damn Champ. Fight Night Period — All Women's				Final Score	Pens Rewind	Final Score	Final Score
FX	'70s Show	★ ★ ½ High Crimes (2002)					★ ★ ★ Double Jeopardy (1999)				Nip/Tuck "Lulu Grandiron"		★ ★ ★ Wag the Dog (1997)				Paid	CorEvolution
GOLF	Post Game	PGA Tour Golf: Champions — Allianz Championship			PGA Tour Golf AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am — Second Round.							Golf Central	Top 10	PGA Tour Golf AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am — Second Round.				
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		Be a Millionaire		Family Feud	Family Feud	Tell the Truth	Tell the Truth	Lingo	Whammy	Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Bridal Fever (2008)				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Extreme	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Save My Bath	My Kitchen	Find Style	House	House	Get It Sold	Parents	Designed-Sell	Save My Bath	My Kitchen	Find Style	House	House
HIST	Man, Moment, Machine		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Shockwave (N)		Caligula: Reign of Madness		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Shockwave		Caligula: Reign of Madness	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	Good Naked	Good Naked	Top Party	Party: Vegas	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Get Thin
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Lockup: Holman		MSNBC Investigates		Sex Slaves in America		Countdown-Olbermann		Lockup: Holman		Sex Slaves in America	
MTV	Beauty and the Geek		Beauty and the Geek		Beauty and the Geek		America's Best Dance Crew			Real World-Road Rules	Jackass Race.			Jackass	Jackass	Viva La Bam	Viva La Bam	Viva La Bam
NICK	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	Zoey 101	Barnyard	Avatar	Tigre: Rivera	Tak	George Lopez	George Lopez	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	George Lopez	George Lopez	Home Imp.	Home Imp.
OXY	Janice Dickinson Modeling		★ ★ ½ Single White Female (1992) Premiere.				★ ★ ½ Single White Female (1992)				Bad Girls	Bad Girls	The Tyra Banks Show		Janice Dickinson Modeling		The Tyra Banks Show	
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs										PCN Tours		PCN Profiles		Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	News	NightTalk: Get to the Point		News		NightTalk: Get to the Point		Hansberger	Fedko Fone	News			Paid	NightTalk: Get to the Point	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 Demons		Chuck		Flash Gordon "Revolution"		Stargate Atlantis "Outcast"		Stargate Atlantis "Trio" (N)		Flash Gordon "Revolution"		Stargate Atlantis "Trio"		Stargate SG-1 "Allegiance"		Stargate Atlantis	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Prisoners Out of Control		Most Amazing Videos		Disorderly Conduct: Video		MXC	MXC	GameTrailers	GameTrailers	Naked Gun 2 1/2: Fear	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	★ ★ ★ The Bourne Supremacy (2004)					Sex and City	Sex and City	★ ★ ½ Serendipity (2001)				Keeping Faith
TCM	★ ★ ★ Kitty Foyle (1940)				★ ★ ★ ½ Bound for Glory (1976)					★ ★ ★ Voyage of the Damned (1976)					★ ★ ★ ½ Apocalypse Now (1979) Premiere.			
TLC	Property Ladder		Home Chef	Home Chef	Say Yes to the Dress		What Not to Wear "Kathy" (N)		10 Years Younger Frizzy hair.		What Not to Wear "Kathy"		Say Yes to the Dress		10 Years Younger Frizzy hair.		Home Chef	Home Chef
TNT	Law & Order "Deep Vote"		Law & Order "Empire"		★ ★ ★ Pretty Woman (1990)				★ ★ ★ Pretty Woman (1990)					★ ★ ½ Something to Talk About (1995)				
TOON	Camp Lazlo	Foster	Chowder	George	Jimmy's Head	Foster	Camp Lazlo	George	Chowder	Jimmy's Head	Family Guy	Venture Bros.	Chicken	Shin Chan	Ghost in Shell	Eureka 7	Family Guy	Venture Bros.
TRAVEL	SeaWorld Orlando: Shamu		Europe's Largest Aquarium		Europe-Brown	Europe-Brown	Bigfootville		Most Haunted		Mysterious Journeys		Europe-Brown	Europe-Brown	Bigfootville		Most Haunted	
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	★ ★ ½ Sixteen Candles (1984) Premiere.				Just Shoot	Just Shoot	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford	Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Monk		★ ★ The Dukes of Hazzard (2005) Premiere.				Psych (N)		House "It's a Wonderful Life"		Monk Mank's insomnia.		Psych		★ ★ ★ The Game (1997)	
VH1	Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Flavor of Love 3 Casting Sp		Celebrity Rehab		Best Week	Free Radio	Free Radio	My Fair Brady	Best Week	Free Radio	Free Radio	Celebrity Rehab		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Scott Baio 46
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WE	★ ★ French Kiss (1995)				Ugliest House on the Block		Ugliest House on the Block		Ugliest House on the Block		Lingerie Secrets Revealed		Swimsuit Secrets Revealed		Ugliest House on the Block		Ugliest House on the Block	
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		★ ★ ½ The Addams Family (1991)				WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Chappelle's	Chappelle's	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	Corner Gas
ENC	★ ★ The Frighteners (1996)				★ ★ ½ The Guardian (2006) Premiere.					★ ★ Universal Soldier (1992)			★ ★ ½ Undisputed (2002)			★ Double Take (2001)		
HBO	★ ★ The Family Stone	Inside the NFL			The Wire "React Quotes"		In Treatment	In Treatment	Entourage	Entourage	Real Time With Bill Maher		Comedy Jam	★ ★ ½ Smokin' Aces (2007)				In NFL
MAX	Lightning	★ The Number 23 (2007)			★ ★ ★ 16 Blocks (2006)				★ ★ ★ Die Hard 2 (1990)				Sin City	Forbidden Passions (2006) Premiere.		★ ½ The Number 23 (2007)		
SHOW	★ ★ ★ Down in the Valley (2005)				★ ★ ½ Pride (2007)				The L Word		Pauly Shore-Komics		Gilbert Gottfried: Dirty Jokes	Paul Mooney: Jesus Is Black			★ ★ Clerks II	
STARZ	★ The Grudge 2 (2006)		★ ½ Gray Matters (2006)				★ ½ Wild Hogs (2007)			★ ★ ½ The Good German (2006)				★ ½ The Grudge 2 (2006)			Head Case	
TMC	District B13	★ ★ Aeon Flux (2005)			★ ★ ★ Benny & Joon (1993)				★ ★ ½ Keeping Mum (2006)		★ ★ ★ Conversations With Other Women		★ ½ Black Christmas (2006) A killer stalks sorority sisters.					

FEATURES

PROJECT OF THE WEEK

Storage cabinet a classic

A true country classic, this build-it-yourself storage bin unit is a practical, convenient and attractive way to help fresh fruits and vegetables last longer.

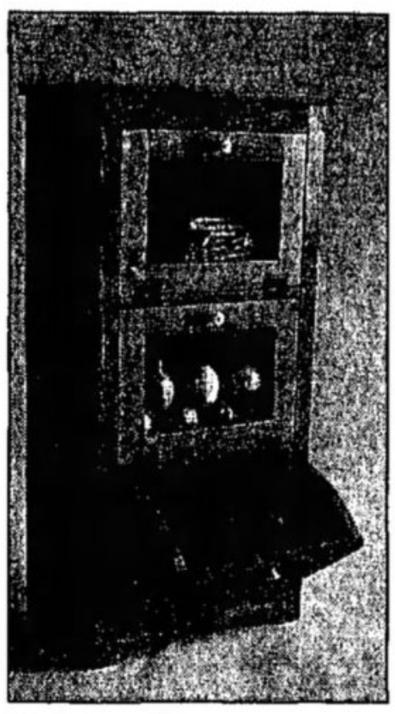
The wire mesh on the front of each bin allows air to circulate freely, creating a cool, dry environment perfect for storing apples, potatoes or onions.

The two pull-out bins are both 10 inches deep by 15 inches wide – big enough to hold plenty of produce – and the top shelf is flat for storing canned goods or dish towels.

Along with storage, the unit adds some old-fashioned charm to the kitchen, too.

Easy enough for beginners, the project features full-size traceable patterns for all the curved cuts (the pull-out bins and base).

Simply trace the pieces onto standard lumber (pine as pictured), cut out and assemble using glue and nails. Next, sand and finish with stain or paint. Finally, attach the lower bins to the main section with hinges and install the knobs.



Storage unit

The project measures 40 inches tall by 19 inches wide by 12 inches deep.

The Storage Bins plan, No. 797, is $9.95 and includes step-by-step instructions with photos, full-size traceable patterns, construction diagrams, a complete shopping list and cutting schedule and a toll-free help line for project questions.

A package of three plans for the country kitchen, No. C136, is $22.95 and includes this plan along with plans for a pie safe and an oak ice box.

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BELLMAR MIDDLE SCHOOL (BELLE VERNON AREA)

The following were named to the second-quarter honor roll at Bellmar Middle School:

Grade six

Highest honor

Jordan Ayersman, Jonathan Baker, Arianna Boff, Jason Capco, Jenna Christner, Rebecca Hazy, Gabrielle Kohr, Kacie Kubitza, Michelle Lofink, Gina Manack, Shannon McCulloch, Stephanie Morgan, Dylan Pietrantoni, Megan Planey, Joshua Porter, Tyler Richard, Ashley Seman and Daniel Updegraff.

High honor

Francesca Fronzaglio, Kaleigh Gilotty, Jeffrey Kennedy, David Kost and Zachary Zadrozny.

Honor

Courtney Askin, Matthew Bashioum, Jacquelynn Bobbs, Richard Booher, Jacob Britt, Jenna Cecil, Micale Ellison, Austin Fields, Brian Franks, Nicolette Frederick, Andrew Gillingham, Jamie Hussar, Patrick Kelly, Justin Koontz, Kayla Koury, Laura Krajzel, Cody Menges, Allison Mignogna, Summer Miller, Ian Rosensteel, Mark Santucci, Sarah Sebetich, Julia Seich, Megan Staley, Kristina Steban, Angela Sullivan, Mackenzie Taylor, Michael Tiernan, Ramsey Vargo and Preston Williams.

Grade 7

Highest honor

Natalie Bashada, Summer Baumgardner, Daniel Bednarczyk, Johnna Beeler, Rebecca Buza, Kelsey Conaway, Nora Dzurko, Emily Fordyce, Elizabeth Gerda, Kaylee Gilchrist, Deanna Hileman, Corissa Krempasky, Jay Logreco, Madison Long, Heather Lutes, Taylor Maldonado, Matthew McCloskey, Thomas Radic, Alan Robinson, Alex Robinson, Kelcie Sztroin, Halie Welsh, Allison White and Andrew Zundel.

High honor

Frances Cowen, Chelsea Fedrick, Adam Ferita, Brianna Frederick, Audrey Halgas, Jesse Kallam, Julian Monticelli, Adam Nickelson, Victoria Petrosky, Alexander Rusak, Mackenzie Sefchok, David Seibel, Amanda Smith, Tyler Trombley, Cassidy Truckenmiller, Hailey Wiant and Joseph Williams.

Honor

Nina Abraham, Haley Angelo, Bryan Babines, Sebastian Canigiani, Dalton Coursin, Jacqueline Deleonibus, Cailtin Gelety, Dorian Johnson, Kaitlyn Kelemen, Lauren Kovalchuk, Anna Lemley, Seth Manack, Kari Mast, Melissa Nelson, Natalie Nguyen, Gerald Popovec, Derrick Powell, Brandon Sekoski, Joshua Skirda, Jessica Slagus, Isaiah Spencer, Chelsea Szakal, Brittany Thompson and Cody Veschio.

Grade eight

Highest honor

Haley Bashada, Kayla Hussar, Michael Jennewine, Alyson Milan, Lauren Rodgers, Kari Spear and Jade Villalobos.

High honor

Benjamin Ankrom, Jesse Bunardzya, Garrett Campbell, Ashley Conte, Taylor Holbrook, Kaitlyn Mignogna, Brandon Pazak, Samantha Peer, Emily Scott, Conor Shutterly, Nesa Smith, Steven Stulock, Lauren Swisher and Tyler Thomas.

Honors

William Brown, Ashton Hamer, Molly Hartman, Shayla Hill, Christina Knaus, Brandi Kukler, Lyndsay Kutska, Natalie Martin, Sarah Medina, David Merz, John Ohi, Barbara Oliveri, Brandon Pankiewicz, Zachary Pohlot, Drew Sabolek, Courtney Seman, Samantha Shrader, Katrina Tokay, Brittany Truesdale and Mollee Tunney.

MADONNA REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL HONORS

The following were named to the second-quarter honor roll at Madonna Catholic Regional School:

Grade eight

Highest honors

Garrett Damich, Chrisney Fronzaglio, Andrew Funtal, Nicolas Greaves, Grace Hawk, Kyle Kubovcik, Kendall Lackner, Marina Sendek, Dilyn Stevenson and Andrew Urko.

High honors

Jacob Brown, Michael D'Orazio, Tilden Graham, Brandon Konek, Sydney Lee, Nicholas Smydo and Amanda Szerszen.

Honors

Lindsey Dixon, Ryan Miller and Rebecca Scrip.

Grade seven

Highest honors

Lauren Stroh.

High honors

Jacob Foglia, Hunter Homa and Jeremy Smida.

Honors

Cameron Bartkus, Ross DeLattre, Nicholas Hudak, Erin McDonald, Christine Slavick, Corey Stefan and Jillian Sukel.

Grade six

Highest honors

Victoria Albert and Julia Alvarez.

High honors

Ryan Konek and Alyssa Smydo.

Honors

Noah Brown, Lacey Massari, Nicole Miller, Anna Quattrone, Rachel Ritzer and Maggie Sukel.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another

Today's clue: T equals K

"GWEUP G JYMBU, KSD YGLU AS MRUG YSJ SBR KSD GPU VUOGDNU KSD'LU BMUR NS ZGAK EMZUN."

- NGARPG VDBBSOT

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"From caring comes courage." - Lao Tzu

When you make news

When submitting photographs and engagement, wedding, birth and anniversary announcements, include the first and last names of all listed – and a telephone number – in case we have questions.

CALENDAR WATCH

Saturday

■Saturday Night Live, Mon Valley YMCA, Carroll Township, 6 to 8 p.m.

■ICCM Platter Fundraiser, Your Mamma's House Restaurant, Monessen, 3 to 7 p.m.

■Long Branch Community Grange meeting, 1 p.m.

■Fish fry, Wayman-Quinn A.M.E. Church, Monessen, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■Dance featuring "The Best of Times," Center in the Woods, California, 6 to 10 p.m.

■Doughnut sale, Transfiguration Parish, Monongahela, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■Prostate cancer awareness, "Let's Talk About it," Gate of Heaven Church of God in Christ, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Spaghetti dinner set

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 630 American St., California, will sponsor a spaghetti dinner 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. For takeouts, call (724) 938-7416 or (724) 322-0336.

Monessen School Board to meet

The Monessen School Board will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the elementary center boardroom.

Carnation sale planned

A carnation sale to benefit the adult day center will take place 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Center in the Woods, California.

Grocery bingo set

A grocery bingo and Chinese auction will take place 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Paul Episcopal Church, 130 W. Main St., Monongahela. Refreshments will be available.

CASA schedules luncheon meeting

Court Appointed Special Advocates will conduct an informational luncheon noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the 30 East Beau St., Suite 417, Washington Trust Building. To register, call (724) 228-0414. The organization serves as an advocate for abused and neglected children in Washington County. The next volunteer training session begins March 5 and continues from 6 to 9 p.m. for five consecutive Mondays and Wednesdays.

Post 28 sets meeting

Thomas McKee American Legion Post 28, Monessen, will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen.

Monessen Public Library plans children's activities

The Monessen Public Library and District Center will offer the following activities for children:

Feb. 21 – Theater Read Club – 4:30 p.m. Participants will receive book/scripts and can act them out.

Feb. 18 – Celebrate Black History Month 1 to 3 p.m., children's writing workshop for school age children. The book being used is called "Bud, not Buddy." Learn about the author, read a chapter and write a paragraph about a topic related to the book.

Feb. 28 – Movie Review and You – The Spiderwick Chronicles. The movie opens Feb. 14. Go see the movie and come to the library at 7 p.m. to talk abut the film.

For information, call Jenise Sileo at (724) 684-4750, ext. 26.

Caregiver support group meeting planned

The Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging will conduct a Caregivers Support Group meeting 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Area Agency on Aging conference room, Troutman's Center, 200 South Main St., Greensburg. To register, call Toni McGovern at (724) 830-4489.

Former Page workers plan luncheon meeting

Former Page Steel and Wire employees will conduct a luncheon meeting noon Wednesday at Eat 'n Park Restaurant, Rostraver Township.

Post 659 to meet

American Legion Post 659, Belle Vernon, will meet Wednesday as follows: club meeting, 7 p.m.; legion meeting, afterward.

Fayette County American Legion plans meeting

The Fayette County American Legion will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday at Post 295 in Brownsville.

Class of 1988 addresses sought

Monessen High School Class of 1988 is seeking classmates' addresses for its 20-year reunion, planned for early autumn. Those with information should call Brian at (724) 469-1988 or Rob at (407) 766-3175 or e-mail monessen1988@yahoo.com.

Mom's Time Out being planned

Mom's Time Out, for pregnant women and new moms, will take place 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday and the following seven consecutive Wednesdays at the Schooner Youth Center, Donner Avenue, Monessen. The event will include free babysitting, refreshments,weekly giveaways and door prizes. Each session begins with talk time, followed by a short presentation. To register, call Vickie Oles, at 1 (888) 664-2248.

BIRTHS

■ **Coleman** - Bryan and Lauren, Indiana, Pa., a son, Blake Gary, the couple's first child, Aug. 8, 2007, Indiana Regional Medical Center, Indiana. Maternal grandparents are Gary and Denise Hillman, of Fellsburg, Rostraver Township. Paternal grandfather is Blair Coleman, of Indiana.

■ **Temoshenka** - Paul and Melanie, Crescent, Pa., a son, Aiden Paul, Dec. 26, 2007, Sewickley Valley Hospital. Maternal grandparents are Gary and Denise Hillman, of Fellsburg, Rostraver Township. Paternal grandparents are Paul and Cathy Temoshenka, of Monessen. The couple also has a daughter, Mia Lauren, 5.

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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

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Mary Eileen Loftus
Administratrix
727 Thompson Avenue
Donora, PA 15033
2/8,15,22

Gishnock, Ernest P
EXECUTOR NOTICE

Letters Testamentary on the estate of ERNEST P GISHNOCK, Court Term No 63-08-0065, late of Donora, Washington County, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Washington County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them to the undersigned duly authenticated for settlement

Terri Lynn Link,
Executrix
149 Trotwood Drive
Canonsburg PA 15317

James W Haines Jr
Attorney at Law
1202 West Main Street
Monongahela PA 15063
2/1 8,15

Moffit, JoAnn
ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF JO ANN MOFFIT, DECEASED Late of the Borough of Charleroi, Washington County, Pennsylvania

Letters Testamentary on the above Estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted thereto to make immediate payment and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement

Johann Hawk
917 Crest Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
And
Christine Braunegg
548 Sweetbriar Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17111
Co-Executrices

John J Nubani, Esquire
BASSI, MCCUNE & VREELAND, P C
P O Box 144
111 FALLOWFIELD AVENUE
CHARLEROI, PA 15022
2/8,15,22

Spence, Raymond J
ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Raymond J Spence late of Carroll Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania

Letters Testamentary upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all those indebted thereto to make immediate payment and to all those having claims or demands to present them for settlement and/or consideration by the undersigned

Catherine B Yurkovich,
Co-Executrix
803 ½ Crest Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022

Deborah Spence
Co-Executrix
1154 Concord Drive
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Richard C Mudrick
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300 Fallowfield Avenue
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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Vaughan, Logan
ESTATE NOTICE

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Letters Testamentary on the above Estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted thereto to make immediate payment and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement

Lee Vaughan
108 Alexander Street
Monongahela, PA 15063
Administrator

Bradley M Bassi, Esquire
Bassi, McCune & Vreeland, P C
P O Box 144
111 Fallowfield Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
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2020/BID NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for the furnishing, delivering of "MEDICAL SUPPLIES" for the Washington County Health Center and Correctional Facility, Washington, PA 15301 will be received at the Office of the County Controller, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 403 Courthouse Square Office Building, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301, until 11:00 A M Prevailing Time on Wednesday, February 20 2008 and immediately thereafter will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Purchasing Office, Suite 402 of the Washington County Courthouse Square Building (Late bids are not accepted)

All bids must be submitted as 1 ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES according to the specifications and upon a uniform proposal blank Specifications and proposal blanks may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555

You may obtain the above-mentioned bid proposal from the Washington County Web Site at www.co.washington.pa.us Vendors receiving bids from the web site are responsible for checking for contract changes at the web site

Bid Securities are Not required

SEALED BID ENVELOPE MUST BE MARKED

BID MEDICAL SUPPLIES CONTRACT NO 022008-1MS

The Washington County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bid proposals

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2020/BID NOTICES

NOTICE

Public bids are now being accepted to satisfy the liens against the following spaces held by Ashcraft Self Storage Facility, 101 Gregg Street, PO Box 153, Monongahela, PA

Space OUTDOOR, leased to WENDY LEWIS, containing an automobile;

Space #147, 200 Square feet, leased to ALBERT DAVIS containing miscellaneous items;

Space #301, 150 Square feet, leased to RICHARDO MCPHERSON containing miscellaneous household items;

Space #100, 100 Square feet, leased to CHERYL KINDS containing miscellaneous household items;

Space #108, 100 Square feet, leased to RONNIE ROTOLO containing miscellaneous household items;

Space #127, 100 Square feet, leased to SARAH CUNNINGHAM containing miscellaneous household items;

Written bids may be submitted in person or by mail to PO Box 153, Monongahela, PA 15063. All bids must be received by Saturday 02/23/2008, 3:00 p.m. For more information, please call 724-258-5857.

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2030/MEETING NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF CARROLL TOWNSHIP

The Carroll Township Zoning Hearing Board shall hold a hearing, in accordance with the Municipalities Planning Code, to consider, under the Carroll Township Zoning Ordinance, an Appeal of Richard Popp, Executor of the Estate of George Popp, requesting a non-conforming use for an existing building previously operated as a bar and restaurant to again operate as a bar and restaurant, zoned R-2, at 1109 Route 837, which is at the corner of Route 837 and Albert Avenue

A copy of the Zoning Ordinance, as amended, the Zoning Map of Carroll Township, a description of the parcel as well as a copy of each appeal can be examined at the Municipal Building, 130 Baird Street, Monongahela, PA 15063 between 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

This hearing on the appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board will be held on February 20, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. at the Carroll Township Municipal Building.

Dennis R. Paluso
Solicitor
Carroll Township
Zoning Hearing Board
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2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FY 2008 CDBG PROGRAM AND
PA SECTION 108 LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

CITY OF MONESSEN

Notice is hereby given by the City of Monessen that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the City Council Chambers, Monessen Municipal Building. The Municipal Building is not accessible to the handicapped persons. Persons requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing may call City Hall at (724) 684-9712. Persons with hearing and/or speech impediments may contact the City through the PA Telecommunications Rely Services at 1-800-654-5984 to make arrangements.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in general, the needs of the City of Monessen, the City's performance under the previously funded CDBG Program Years, and the PA Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program. The City of Monessen is expected to receive $337,943 of FY 2008 CDBG funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. At least 70% of the available funds must be used for activities which benefit low and moderate income persons. The City must submit its application for the use of these funds by March 28, 2008 to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development.

The following types of activities may be eligible for funding under the CDBG Program: water and sewer line replacement and improvements; housing rehabilitation; new housing construction for affordable housing; construction and reconstruction of public/community facilities; recreational facilities; public services that are new or a quantifiable increase in the level of service; street and road improvements; historic preservation and removal of architectural barriers; code enforcement; economic development; acquisition and relocation; clearance and demolition of property; costs to dispose of real estate; general administrative costs; planning; audit and preparation of the application.

The City of Monessen has joined the PA Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program Consortium and is eligible to apply for Section 108 loan funds for the following activities: economic activities eligible under CDBG; acquisition of real property; rehabilitation of publicly owned property; housing rehabilitation eligible under CDBG; construction, reconstruction, or installation of public facilities (including streets, walks and other site improvements); related relocation, clearance and site improvements; payment of interest on the guaranteed loan and issuance costs of public offerings; and debt service reserves.

If the City would undertake the acquisition, demolition and/or rehabilitation of residential properties that could result in displacement of families or individuals, then the City's policy for minimizing such displacement would be in effect. The City is responsible for replacing all low and moderate income housing units that may be demolished or converted as a result of the use of CDBG funds.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be afforded the opportunity to give oral testimony at the Public Hearing and/or to present written comments concerning the needs of the City of Monessen, proposed CDBG program activities, the prior use of CDBG funds, the CDBG Program in general, and the use of Section 108 Loan Guarantee funds to address those needs. Written comments may be addressed to the attention of Ms. Rosalie Nicksich, City Clerk, Monessen Municipal Building, 100 Third Street, Monessen, PA 15062, (724) 684-9714.

Anthony Petaccia, Mayor
City of Monessen
2/08/08

2040/CIVIL NOTICES

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY PA

CIVIL DIVISION

MARK LEXIE
Plaintiff

Vs.

DONNA JACKOWSKI and TROY HODGSON
Defendants

No. 2007-8984

TO THE DEFENDANT

Take notice that Mark Lexie has filed a Complaint against you as a Defendant in the above case, in which the Plaintiff, Mark Lexie, is seeking compensation for personal injuries sustained in an accident which occurred on June 15, 2007. You are being sued because you caused the accident.

NOTICE

If you wish to defend, you must enter a written appearance personally or by attorney and file your defenses or objections in writing with the Court. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you without further notice for the relief requested by the Plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER.

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2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

NOTICE OF ACTION IN MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL ACTION-LAW
NO. 8405 of 2007

Deutsche Bank Trust Co. Americas, as Trustee and Custodian for EquiFirst Mtg. Loan Trust 2004-2 by: Saxon Mtg. Services, Inc. as its attorney-in-fact 4708 Mercantile Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76137
Plaintiff v. Eileen Flenner and Kenneth Flenner, Jr. 224 Karen Drive, Apollo, PA 15613 Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

To: Eileen Flenner 224 Karen Drive, Apollo, PA 15613 Your house (real estate) at 224 Karen Drive (Allegheny Township) Apollo, PA 15613 is scheduled to be sold at the Sheriff's Sale on May 5, 2008 at 9:00 am in the 2 North Main Street, Room 501, Greensburg, PA 15601, to enforce the court judgment of 151,793.34, obtained by Plaintiff above (the mortgagee) against you. If the sale is postponed, the property will be relisted for the Next Available Sale. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All that parcel of land in Township of Allegheny, Westmoreland County, State of Pennsylvania, as more fully described in Deed Inst #2003, 01290007972, ID# 42-16-10-0-025, being known and designated as the land referred to in this commitment is described as follows: All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land situate in the Township of Allegheny, County of Westmoreland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being known and designated as Lot No. 14 in the Sunnybrook Plan No. 1 as recorded in Plan Book Vol. 38, page 24, in the Recorder of Deeds office of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Also known as Parcel 42-16-10-0-025. Deed from Raymond Kopka, unmarried as set forth in Deed Inst #2003, 01290007972 dated 05/17/2002 and recorded 01/29/2003, Westmoreland County Records, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Being known as: 224 Karen Drive, (Allegheny Township) Apollo, PA 15613. Improvements: A residential dwelling. Property conveyed from Raymond Kopka, Eileen Flenner, and Kenneth Flenner, Jr., her husband, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common to Raymond Kopka, unmarried dated 5/17/02, recorded 1/29/03, Instrument No.: 2003 01290007972. Property being Tax Map No. 42-16-10-0-025

Mark J. Udren
Attorney for Plaintiff
Mark J. Udren & Associates
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2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the City of Monessen that it will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 4:30 PM prevailing time, in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor of the Monessen Municipal Building, 100 Third Street, Monessen, PA 15062.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present budget modifications to the City's FY 2004 and FY 2007 CDBG Programs. The following changes are proposed:

FY 2004 CDBG PROGRAM

1. Reassign the balance of funds in the Street/Road Improvements Line Item Budget in the amount of $21,139.71 listed for the construction of a cul-de-sac in support of the new affordable housing being built on the site of the Old High School. The work has been completed there is a balance of funds available for additional activities.
2. Add a new street reconstruction project to the list of eligible Street/Road Improvements Line Item, the reconstruction of Grand Boulevard from the beginning of Grand Boulevard to Willow Drive. The balance of funds in the Street/Road Improvements Line Item Budget will be assigned to this activity along with FY 2007 CDBG Funds, State funds, and future CDBG funds.

FY 2007 CDBG PROGRAM

1. Reassign the balance of funds in the Street/Road Improvements Line Item Budget in the amount of $46,164.25 listed for the reconstruction of Rostraver Street. The work has been completed there is a balance of funds available for additional activities.
2. Add a new street reconstruction project to the list of eligible Street/Road Improvements Line Item, the reconstruction of Reeves Avenue. The balance of funds in the Street/Road Improvements Line Item Budget will be assigned to this activity along with future CDBG funds.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered the opportunity to give oral testimony at the Public Hearing and/or present written comments concerning the proposed modifications to the City of Monessen's CDBG Program. Written comments may be addressed to the attention of Ms. Rosalie Nicksich, City Clerk, 100 Third Street, Monessen, PA 15062. The City Hall is not fully accessible to handicapped persons. Persons requiring special accommodations to participate in this Public Hearing may call (724) 684-9714 to make arrangements. Persons with speech and/or hearing impairments may contact the City through the PA Telecommunications Rely Service at 1-800-654-5984.

Anthony A. Petaccia,
Mayor
City of Monessen
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2020/BID NOTICES

INVITATION TO BID

The Belle Vernon Area School District will receive sealed bids for the RENOVATION AND/OR ADDITION WORK FOR ALL SCHOOLS until 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, February 26, 2008, at the Belle Vernon Area School District Administration Building, 270 Crest Avenue, Belle Vernon, PA 15012-4200. Verbal, telegraph, telephone or facsimile (faxing) of bids will not be acceptable.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held on February 19, 2008, at 2:00 P.M. in the Belle Vernon Area School District Administration Building.

Envelopes containing proposals shall be sealed and clearly marked with the project name and contract discipline.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, bank cashier's or trust company, treasurer's check, or approved surety company's bid bond made payable to the Belle Vernon Area School District in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the base bid.

Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Bidder's proposal shall be for the following:

CONTRACT NO. 1 General Construction Work and incidental items necessary to complete the construction of the Project.

CONTRACT NO. 2 HVAC Construction Work and incidental items necessary to complete the construction of the Project.

CONTRACT NO. 3 Plumbing Construction Work and incidental items necessary to complete the construction of the Project.

CONTRACT NO. 4 Electrical Construction Work and incidental items necessary to complete the construction of the Project.

The project is expected to reach substantial completion by August 15, 2008.

Contract Documents, including drawings and specifications, are on file at the above office of the Owner, office of the Architect, Celli-Flynn Brennan, 606 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, at the plan room of the F.W. Dodge Corporation, 600 Waterfront Drive, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, and the plan room of the Builders Exchange of Pittsburgh, 1813 North Franklin Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, where they may be examined preparatory to, and during bidding.

Copies of the documents may be obtained from Celli-Flynn Brennan on Friday, February 8, 2008 by depositing with the Architect $200.00 in the form of a check made payable to Celli-Flynn Brennan for each set of contract documents obtained. If documents are to be mailed, a separate check to cover the cost for postage and handling must be remitted in the amount of $10.00 per set.

If the documents are returned in good condition within seven (7) days after the opening of bids and a proposal is submitted, the amount of the deposit will be refunded to each actual bidder. If the documents are returned in poor condition (specifications unbound, drawings marked up) and are not returned within the time stated or a proposal not submitted, the entire amount of the deposit will be forfeited.

The Belle Vernon Area School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or parts thereof, or items therein, and to waive any technicalities or informalities in bidding.

No bid or part, or parts thereof, or items therein, shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Owner.

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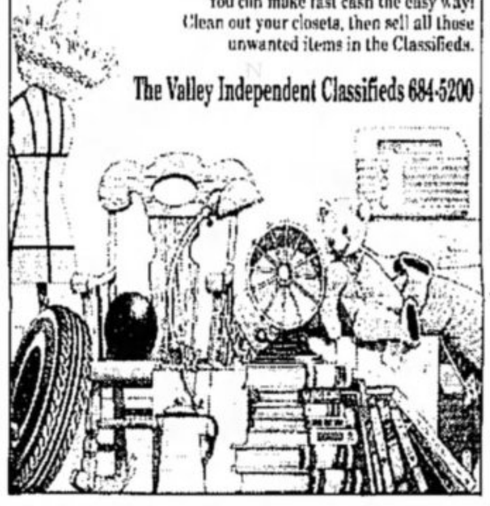

2020/BID NOTICES

FLEA MARKETS & GARAGE SALE

5310/GARAGE/YARD SALES

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SATURDAY, FEB. 9, 2008

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January 20 through February 18

In the year ahead, you are likely to be far bolder and enterprising in ways that could increase your income or holdings. It behooves you to channel your drive in a positive and sure direction that is both tried-and-true.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- When you start juggling accounts by robbing Peter to pay Paul, you will create more havoc in your financial affairs than need be. The only sure way to remain solvent is to live within your means.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You are the one who will be setting the example for others to follow, so be sure the mood is one that you'll be proud of. If you are short-tempered, cranky or impatient, you won't like the clones you create.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- If you have to deal with a difficult person, it might be hard to keep your anger in check. But if you are smart, you will smolder in silence instead of responding as your emotions dictate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Financial arrangements with friends could cause undesirable problems, so try not to let money get in the way of friendship. However, if that's not possible and a disagreement arises, suffer in silence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- There can be a fine line between acting aggressively assertive and just plain pushy. If you can't figure out where the boundaries lie, be prepared to meet with strong resistance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Although you might mean well, it is best not to butt into a testy situation that does not directly concern you. You won't be able to settle the other person's mess, and you might even be blamed for it in the end.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- What starts out as a trivial disagreement could quickly get blown out of proportion if the other individual is just as strong-willed and inflexible about his or her opinions as you are. Don't go down that road.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- If someone whose support and cooperation is essential to you starts to waver, be as diplomatic about handling the situation as possible. He or she could quickly become an adversary instead of an ally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Be careful to whom you take something you want repaired or serviced, because the wrong person could make matters worse, not better. Take ample time to find a reliable serviceman.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- If you allow yourself to get too emotional about someone who is important to you, you're apt to become a trifle too possessive. Unfortunately, the more control you try to exert, the more likely he or she will rebel.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Outsiders should not be allowed into the picture to help resolve a disagreement between you and your mate. If you think things are heated to begin with, wait until they start pouring gasoline on the fire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't allow outsiders to influence you to rush an important task or assignment that needs intricate detailing. Turn a deaf ear, knowing that haste can cause serious errors or complications you don't need.

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Diary of a First Street Rambler

Even marbles games stopped for tasty Italian ice

Wednesday, June 9, 1948
Dear Diary,

Today, a bunch of us Ramblers were on that cinder lot behind the twin apartments, shooting marbles. The best two guys at marble shooting are the Husher twins, especially Kenny. He's a real sharp shooter and he can shoot those cat's eyes from ten or even fifteen feet and splatter other guy's marbles right out of the ring.

Other Ramblers that are pretty good are Half Pint and Vince, but neither of them are as good as the Hushers. Heck, when they team up together they take everyone else's marbles in no time!

Besides the Ramblers, there were other guys who lived in the twin apartments that were pretty good, and also up Third Street, but the Hushers were better than everyone.

Some guys try to cheat by using steel ball bearing marbles that their dads got in the mill. That ain't allowed though, 'cause they will bust the glass marbles

Ralph E. **STONE**

all up.

I usually don't get in those marble games 'cause I ain't too good. I have a hard time getting any power on my shots and I also get blisters on my thumb, which don't feel too good.

The kind of marble game I do like is called "Holseys." Instead of putting marbles inside a ring and shooting them out, you dig a hole about the size of a golf ball hole. Then all the players start to shoot their marbles from a line about 20 feet away from the hole. If you shoot another guy's marble you win it, and the last marble shot in the hole gets to keep all the other marbles that are already in the hole.

I like it better 'cause you don't have to shoot your marbles with your knuckles. Of course, you can if you want to, but I flick mine with the tip of my index finger. Most guys like to play the regular ring marbles, so I don't get much of a chance to play holseys.

Kenny Husher already won most of the marbles when this little Italian guy named Domenic came along with his cart of Italian ice. He makes all these delicious flavors of this ice, and then he comes around our neighborhood and sells them. He usually has two flavors and today he had lemon and my favorite, cherry. Other days he might have orange or grape or banana. They all taste sooo good, and he tells us he makes them all with fresh fruit. They are so much better than popsicles or ice cream bars or even Cho-cho's, and they only cost a nickel for a small cup and ten cents for a giant cup.

As soon as he came around, all the guys who had a little bit of money, went running to his cart and the rest of the kids went running home to see if they could get a nickel or even better, a dime.

Anyway, the Italian ice cart broke up the marble game, but it sure was a refreshing break on a hot summer day.

Author's Notes:

During the era of the 40's, many young boys had a treasured supply of marbles. A bag full could easily be purchased for one, thin dime at the 5 & 10. Many of us collected them in coffee cans and chose the ones we wanted to play with and carried them in special pouches. The glass marbles came in all imaginable colors and many had elaborate designs. The type of marble known as "Cat's Eyes" were especially sought after. As mentioned, some of the boys tried to sneak the heavy steel marbles into the games, but they were usually declared illegal.

In addition to marbles, we boys also tossed our prized baseball cards up against curbs or store buildings to see who could come the closest. The best toss won all the cards.

While we were shooting marbles or tossing our baseball cards, our female counterparts were playing jacks on porches, jumping rope on sidewalks or tossing a flat stone into a hopscotch square. There was never a lull in our activities and growing up in that era was indeed a joy.

Dominick Del Giacco, the little Italian ice peddler, was the step-father of Ralph Pascaralla, who still lives in Monessen. His grandson, Vince Pascaralla, a retired Monessen policeman, currently lives in Florida. During my days as a First Street Rambler, I remember Vince as a little boy who was seven or eight years younger than I was. He used to accompany his grand pap on his rounds, and they would often venture as far as Morgan and Highland avenues on their trips. The ice was made, by hand, in the family basement at 250 Donner Avenue. Fresh fruit from Parnelli's Market was used rather than artificial flavorings, and the finished ices were packed into five- or ten-gallon containers. These ices were the first Italian ices I ever tasted, and, to this very day, they remain the absolute best!

Vince, in a telephone conversation, told me that his grandfather took the recipe for his delicious ices to the grave with him. Vince went on to tell me that many people have requested the recipe. Looking back, he wishes he had learned all of his grandfather's techniques. "It could have made me a wealthy man in today's market," he laments.

The twin apartments were two wooden framed structures which housed several families and were located on the corner of Third Street and Schoonmaker Avenue. I do not recall the time frame, but both buildings were destroyed in a fire. The site where they once stood is today a parking lot.

Next Week: Haircut, anyone?

Rach remains active at YMCA as he nears 80

"I'd be in a wheelchair if it wasn't for the 'Y,'" said Charleroi resident Ferdie Rach. "My doctor told me that."

By COLLEEN POLLOCK
For The Valley Independent

Ferdie Rach, of Charleroi, instructed YMCA swim classes in the 1960s and has remained a friend of the "Y" since.

Now at age 79, he is the senior advisor's assistant with the Silver Sneakers Fitness Program at the Mon Valley facility.

Rach's commitment, encouragement and personal progress at the "Y" is the reason many senior members stay in the program and strive to reach new heights.

"New members are overwhelmed by his wittiness and appreciate his assistance with the equipment during classes," said Jodi Lignelli, Silver Sneakers senior advisor. Rach, the former owner of Red's Beach in Carroll Township and Sunset Beach near Claysville, picks up his work sheets during body balance classes that he attends four times per week. He participants in the Cardio Circuit, YogaStretch and Zumba Gold.

"What a dancer!" said Lignelli.

Rach said he joined the Silver Sneakers program following three back surgeries in 2004.

He was named the advisor's assistant several months ago.

"I'd be in a wheelchair if it wasn't for the 'Y,'" said Rach.

"My doctor told me that."

Lignelli said member retention and personal progress has increased because of Rach's persistent calls to members who have been lax with attendance as well as his ingenuity on the computer.

"I get a list of Silver Sneakers members who have stopped coming because of a death or sickness or they went away for awhile and I explain that their hospitalization would not pay for their membership if they didn't think it would keep them healthy," said Rach.

He said his experience in developing

Ferdie Rach

brochures for his businesses has helped in designing advertisements and downloading photos (onto the computer) for the fitness program.

Lignelli said Rach's commitment to the program and the mission of the "Y" is evident in the fact he has offered to shorten his vacations to help out at the facility.

"I love to go to the 'Y,'" Rach said.

"I meet and interact with new people and it keeps me healthy. I've never met one person who works at that 'Y' that I didn't really like."

Rach resides with his wife, Janis.

He passed ownership of the former Red's Beach, now called Pine Cove, to his youngest son, James, about three years ago.

He also has four other children, 10 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and one great-grandson.

He was an avid skier until a few years ago.

Over the years, Rach has served as a member of the Charleroi Lions Club, the Charleroi Jaycees and the Popularity Committee for the local Veterans Administration branch in Charleroi. He was also past president of the Charleroi Toastmasters Club.

Bush would freeze Medicare payments

More modest efforts to trim the entitlement program previously went nowhere.

By KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush took his proposals to slow Medicare and Medicaid spending to a new scale in his proposed 2009 budget even though previous, more modest efforts to trim the entitlement programs went nowhere.

Over the next five years, the president would reduce by $196 billion the two entitlement programs that provide most of the medical care for the nation's elderly and poor. He would achieve most of the savings in the budget blueprint he submitted Monday by freezing the rates Medicare pays for hospital, nursing home and hospice services for the next three years.

The two health programs would continue to grow — just not as quickly.

"The Medicare portion of the budget should be viewed as a stark warning," said Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt. "Medicare, on its current course, is 11 years from going broke."

Leavitt said hard choices are needed to ensure Medicare will continue for future generations. But some lawmakers and health care providers quickly dismissed the proposals.

"This administration ought to know that five years' worth of Medicare and Medicaid cuts totaling $200 billion are dead on arrival with me and with most of the Congress," said Sen. Max Baucus, the Democratic chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Bruce Yarwood, president and CEO of the American Health Care Association, called the 2009 blueprint "the most unreasonable and unrealistic of President Bush's entire tenure in the White House."

Bush would slow the annual growth of Medicare spending to 5 percent instead of the 7 percent current trajectory. Spending growth would slow from 7.3 percent to 7 percent for Medicaid, which provides health coverage to about 50 million poor people.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Here's a rundown on activities scheduled at local senior centers for next week:

BROWNSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

Monday – 10:30, games and socializing; 12:30, bingo.

Tuesday – 10, ceramics; 10:30, skat and socializing; 1, bingo.

Wednesday – 10:30, games and socializing; 11:15, sit 'n fit exercise; 11:45, wild pill drawing and lucky five drawing, 1, bowling and bingo; Carol Quarick, speaker; 12:30, Valentine party.

Thursday – 10:30, skat and socializing; 12:30, cards and bingo.

Friday – 11-6, fish fry.

CENTER IN THE WOODS

Monday – 7:30, walking; 9, massage, beauty shop; 10, watercolor guild; 10:30, weight wise; 1, German Club, bridge/500, choir practice; 2, Zumba Gold.

Tuesday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop, Silver Sneakers; 11, blood pressures, Health Steps in Motion (PEPPI); 1, bingo, bridge/500, dart ball, news and views.

Wednesday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop; 10:30, carnation sale, Bible study; 1, bridge/500; 3, basket guild; Travel Friends Wheeling Island.

Thursday – 7:30, walking; 8:15, waffle breakfast; 9, beauty shop, Silver Sneakers; 11, PEPPI; 1, bridge/500, bingo, advanced strings jam; 2, Alzheimer's Support Group.

Friday – 7:30, walking club; 9, massage, beauty shop; 1, dart ball, Bible study.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Monday – 9-2, taxes-appointments required; 10:30, bingo; 11, canasta; 12:45, euchre; 7, evening pinochle.

Tuesday – 10:30, bingo; 11, crafts; 11:15, "What did you say?" PrimeTime Health; 12:45, card club; 2-7:30, massages by appointment; 7, evening euchre.

Wednesday – 9-2, taxes-appointments required; 10:30, blood pressures, bingo, Bible study; 1, jam session.

Thursday – 8, beauty shop; 9-11, Fran Tarquinio; 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo; 11, writing life stories; 11:30, Belle Vernon Goldenagers.

Friday – 8, beauty shop; 10:30, bingo, line dancing.

DONORA

Monday – 9, walking; 10, advanced line dancing; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1:30, bingo.

Tuesday – 9, walking; 10, exercise class; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1, card club, cards and pokeno.

Wednesday – 9, hairdresser, walking; 10, beginner's line dancing; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1:30, bingo.

Thursday – 9, hairdresser, walking; 10, fitness class; 11, Valentine Day celebration; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1, cards and pokeno; 1:30, AARP.

Friday – 9, hairdresser, walking; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1, cards and pokeno.

MONESSEN

Monday – 10, Advisory Board meeting; 1, bingo; card games-"65"/rummy/dominoes.

Tuesday – Income tax returns by appointment-(724) 684-6105; 10, crochet class; 1:45, sit 'n fit; card games, "65"/rummydominoes.

Wednesday – 10:30, Bible study with Jim; noon, special meal; 12:30, bridge club; card games-"65"rummy/dominoes.

Thursday – Income tax returns by appointment-(724) 684-6105; 11:45, sit 'n fit; card games-"65"/rummy/dominoes; 1:45, sit and fit.

Friday – card games-"65"/rummy/dominoes; dominoes (Mexican Train) morning and afternoon.

MONONGAHELA

Monday – 10:30, "Heart Disease"-PrimeTime Health; 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards; 3, Site Committee.

Tuesday – 9, craft class; beauty shop by appointment; 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards, darts.

Wednesday – 10:45, dominos; 11:30, magic bingo, devotional; hairdresser by appointment; exercise group after lunch; 1, cards.

Thursday – 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards; 1:30, Valentine's Day party; beauty shop by appointment; 7, evening social.

Friday – 8:30, fried dough; beauty shop by appointment; 9-1, Income tax preparation; 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards; 1:30, line dancing with Frieda.

PERRYOPOLIS

Monday – 8, walking; 9-2, Income tax preparation, poker club, card club; 10, PEPPI exercises; 1, cards and table games, pickin 'n grinning; jigsaw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon.

Tuesday – 8, walking; 10, pinochle, sing-along; 1, pickin' 'n grinning; jig saw puzzle assembling morning and after-noon.

Wednesday – Show and Tell Day; 8, walking; 9, big bingo; 9:30, bingo; 11:15, "What did you say?"-Prime-Time Health; jigsaw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon.

Thursday – 8, beauty shop, walking; 9, ceramics, blood pressures; 10, PEPPI exercise; jigsaw puzzle assembly morning and after-noon.

Friday – 8, beauty shop, walking, 9:30, bingo; 10, craft of your choice, jig-saw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon.

RIVERSIDE PLACE (CHARLEROI)

Monday – Income tax preparations; 11:30, daily bingo; 1, darts.

Tuesday – Income tax preparations; 11, blood pressures; 11:30, daily bingo; 1, movie day; 2, Corning Glass Retirees.

Wednesday – 11, "How to preserve your wealth"-Waddle and Reed; 11, Silver Sneakers, 11:30, daily bingo; 1, big bingo; 2-7, massages.

Thursday – 10, rent rebates; 11:30, daily bingo; 1, darts, Valentine party.

Friday – Income tax preparations; 11:30, daily bingo; 12:30, euchre club; 1, Silver Sneakers.

SENIOR CENTER MENUS

Here's a look at lunch menus for local senior citizen centers for next week:

Center in the Woods, Center on the Hill, Charleroi, Donora, Monongahela and Perryopolis

Monday – meatloaf
Tuesday – baked ham sandwich
Wednesday – baked chicken
Thursday – spaghetti
Friday – fish sandwich

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Monday – country sausage
Tuesday – chicken patty
Wednesday – roast beef
Thursday – ham and cheese sandwich
Friday – baked shells and cheese

Valentine's Day

February 14

Put your heart into Valentine's Day

ARA photo

The best Valentine's Day gifts are the ones that come from the heart.

Go beyond traditional ideas to create a truly memorable gift.

(ARA) — Candy hearts, roses, chocolates? There's got to be a more creative way to tell your honey that they're the only one this Valentine's Day and without emptying your bank account.

Instead of dinner at an expensive restaurant or a night on the town, why not create your own romantic getaway in the comfort of your own home.

Alma Yoss, a New Hampshire-based interior designer, who teaches in the Interior Design program at The New England Institute of Art, says you don't have to be an expert to create a romantic setting for the evening.

First, "to create intimacy, choose a smaller area for your romantic dinner. The large formal dining room is out. Try the living room, in front of, or near a fire place," says Yoss. Lighting is an important factor. "First, darken the space to create an intimate feeling, then add candlelight and use inexpensive floor cans to light the surrounding areas."

For more drama, she adds, "Place the lights behind some tall plants to cast shadows on the walls to help set the mood. Then use a small fan to give movement to the leaves and the shadows." Fragrant flowers will add to the ambiance.

Just before dinner, you're going to want to have a special Valentine's card ready. Michael Goldberg, the Assistant Chair of the Graphic Design department at The New England Institute of Art suggests using a computer to create one that is original.

"The best approach is a design layout that is simple and elegant. First, find the appropriate type face. The best type face will help reinforce and express your feelings," he says. Second, "look for imagery that visually describes how you feel. You could use a rose, a nice poem, a picture of the person or a combination of these elements." Goldberg adds, "a good way to begin your concept would be to go to your local greeting card store and look at the variety of card design layouts to help your idea process. Finally, the design should be a sincere representation of your message."

Once you've presented your sentiments on paper, then it's time for a dinner "that should be flavorful, but doesn't need to be elaborate," says Yoss. "Cooking should be completed prior to the dinner so that each course can be delivered without any down time." And always end on a sweet note. "The dessert should be complemented by good coffee. Add an after dinner cordial with a good bouquet and sip it slowly while relaxing in front of the fireplace on soft pillows."

Be sure to include a soundtrack, says John Krivit, an Audio Production instructor at The New England Institute of Art. "Music can be an important element when setting a romantic mood." He suggests programming an evening's music on your MP3 player, picking up an adapter that allows you to plug in another set of carbuds for your valentine. "Then just snuggle up and listen together."

Origins of holiday are uncertain

There are varying opinions as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some experts state that it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on Feb. 14, 269 A.D., the same day that had been devoted to love lotteries. Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine."

Other aspects of the story say that Saint Valentine served as a priest at the temple during the reign of Emperor Claudius.

Claudius then had Valentine jailed for defying him. In 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor St. Valentine.

Gradually, Feb. 14 became the date for exchanging love messages and St. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers. The date was marked by sending poems and simple gifts such as flowers. There was often a social gathering or a ball.

In the United States, Miss Esther Howland is given credit for sending the first valentine cards.

Commercial valentines were introduced in the 1800's and now the date is much commercialized. The town of Loveland, Colorado, does a large post office business around February 14. The spirit of good continues as valentines are sent out with sentimental verses and children exchange valentine cards at school.

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Valentine's candy requires caution

Small hearts may pose a choking hazard.

(MS) — For most people, Valentine's Day includes a bevy of delicious treats bestowed upon romantic partners. From chocolates to candies to nutty delights, these tantalizing treats certainly tempt the tastebuds.

For those who have young children, however, these delights are best stored out of reach. That is because many of the foods enjoyed on Valentine's Day pose hazards to youngsters, particularly toddlers who may find their appeal too hard to resist.

Food safety should be practiced during Valentine's Day and throughout the year. Here are some important reminders about food safety and your little one.

Choking Hazard: Foods should still be cut into small, bite-sized pieces so they're easy for novice eaters to enjoy. Vegetables such as carrots and green beans should be diced or shredded and cooked thoroughly so they are easy to swallow. Fruits such as grapes and melon should also be cut because large chunks can completely block a child's airway if swallowed whole.

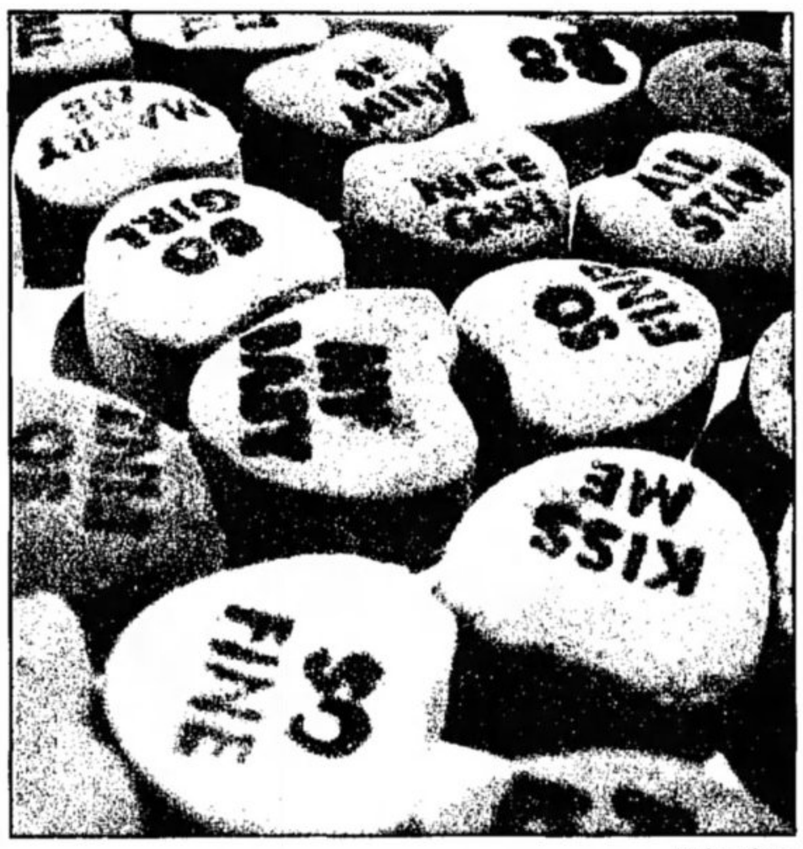
Nuts, hard candies, popcorn, raisins, marshmallows, chewing gum and jelly candies are all potential choking hazards. The same can be said for a large dollop of peanut butter (like the amount in chocolate-covered peanut butter cups). This can be sticky and hard to swallow.

Allergies: Many professionals recommend that children wait until age 2 or 3 before consuming some of the more allergenic foods such as nuts, shellfish, strawberries and egg whites.

However, if your family has a history of food allergies, you may want to wait even longer. Many Valentine's Day confections contain these ingredients, plus chocolate, so be careful.

Food on the Run: Active toddlers rarely want to sit still, particularly when they have their eyes on the prize of a tasty treat.

Try to encourage your child to sit and concentrate when eating to further avoid the risk of choking. It is also a good idea not to give your child food or beverages while in the car because it can be difficult to monitor his or her safety while you are driving.



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Valentine's candy is enticing to children and may pose a choking hazard.

Treat your sweetie to brunch

(MS) — Who hasn't looked for a way to express love to someone special on Valentine's Day or another special occasion? Having an easy but tasty recipe on hand to whip up for your loved one can show how much you care.

Stage a Valentine-worthy brunch for your sweetheart, complete with his or her favorite foods.

Strawberries covered in fresh cream, bite-sized muffins and these Ham & Cheddar Scones, courtesy of "The Culinary Institute of America: Breakfasts & Brunches" (Lebhar-Friedman Books) will certainly impress. These portable treats pack the rich flavor of ham with the universal appeal of warm, melted cheese.

Make the dough a day early and just pop it in the oven to surprise your sweetie.

Ham & Cheddar Scones

Makes 10 scones

3 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
2 tablespoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup medium-diced ham
1/2 cup medium-diced cheddar cheese
1/2 cup sliced scallions
2 cups heavy cream

1. Cut two 10-inch circles of parchment paper. Use one to line a 10-inch round cake pan. Reserve the second piece.

2. Sift the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt together into a mixing bowl. Add the ham, cheese, and scallions and toss together with the dry ingredients until evenly distributed. Make a well in the center of the flour mixture.

3. Add the cream to the flour mixture and stir by hand just until the batter is evenly moistened.

4. Place the dough in the lined cake pan and press into an even layer. Cover the dough with the second parchment paper circle. Freeze the dough until very firm, at least 2 hours.

5. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Prepare a baking sheet by spraying it with cooking spray or lining with parchment paper.

6. Thaw the dough for 5 minutes at room temperature; turn it out of the cake pan onto a cutting board. Cut the dough into 10 equal wedges and place the individual wedges on the baking sheet about 2 inches apart.

7. Bake the scones until golden brown, 30 to 40 minutes. Cool the scones on the baking sheet for a few minutes, then transfer to cooling racks. Serve scones warm or at room temperature. Serve baked scones the same day they are made or freeze for up to four weeks.

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ONLINE VALENTINES DON'T COUNT. THEY'RE TOO IMPERSONAL.
THE ONE I PLAN TO E-MAIL MY GIRL-FRIEND IS VERY PERSONAL.
IT WON'T COUNT IF NO ONE SEES YOU BUY IT!
WHY NOT?
TO BE "PERSONAL," OTHER PEOPLE HAVE TO WATCH YOU SHOP... AGONIZE... GET INSECURE... SHOP SOME MORE... OTHERWISE, WHAT HAVE YOU RISKED?? WHAT PIECE OF YOUR HEART HAVE YOU GIVEN US??
IT ISN'T FOR YOU!
ON VALENTINE'S DAY, WOMEN FUNCTION AS A GROUP.

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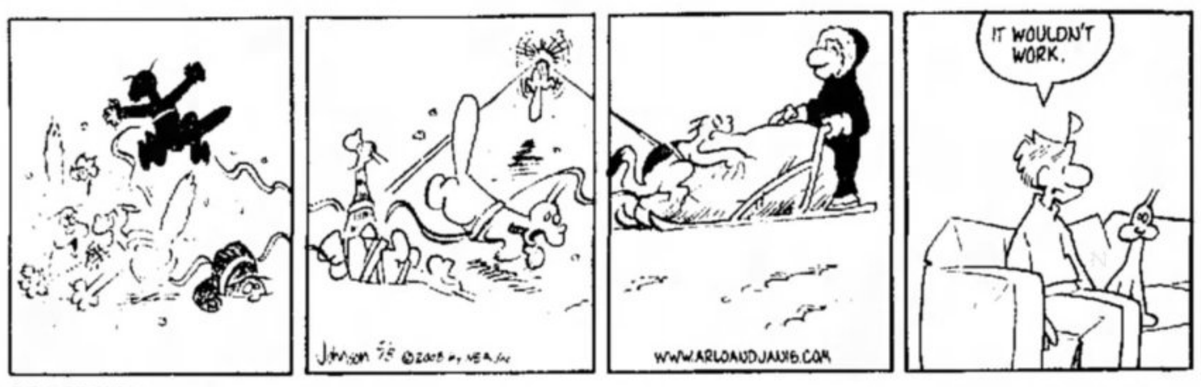

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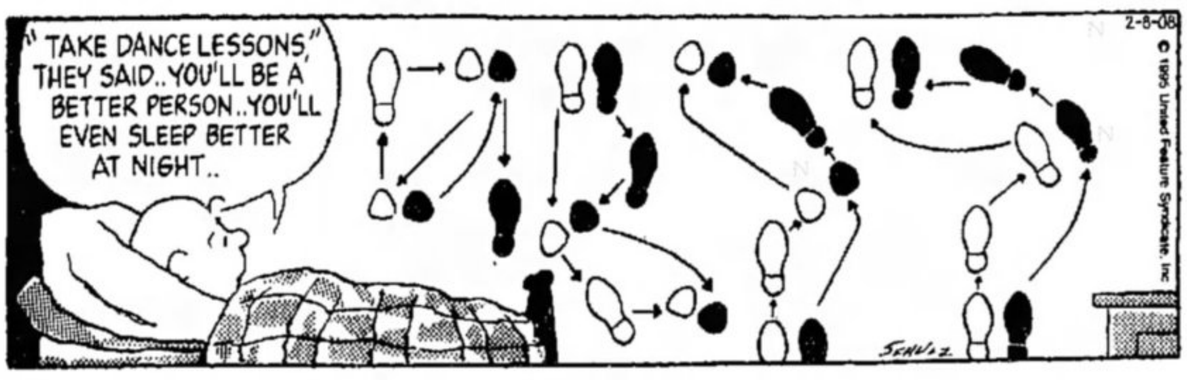
"TAKE DANCE LESSONS," THEY SAID.. YOU'LL BE A BETTER PERSON.. YOU'LL EVEN SLEEP BETTER AT NIGHT..
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MONTY® by Jim Meddick E-Mail: JimMeddick@aol.com

ARE YOU AWARE THAT YOUR CAT IS SPROUTING HAIR EVERYWHERE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE RATHER PRIVATE REGION?
YES, YES, I KNOW.
I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT... IT'S DEPRESSING ME.
VERY WELL THEN... LET US MENTION IT NO FURTHER.
HOW ODD.
SUDDENLY AND QUITE INEXPLICABLY, I SEEM TO HAVE LOST ALL APPETITE FOR THESE TWO SCOOPS OF PEACH ICE CREAM.

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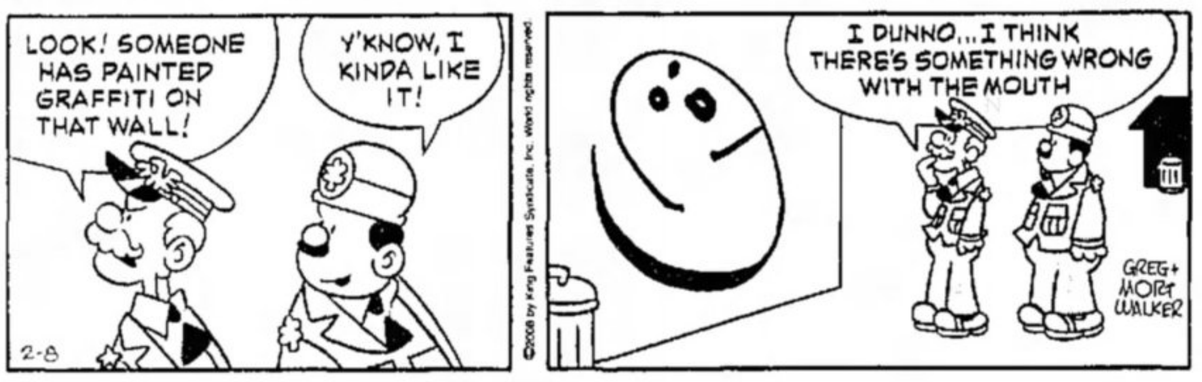
LOOK! SOMEONE HAS PAINTED GRAFFITI ON THAT WALL!
Y'KNOW, I KINDA LIKE IT!
I DUNNO... I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE MOUTH
GREG + MORT WALKER

BORN LOSER® by Art Sansom

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YOU KNOW WHAT?... LIFE ISN'T FAIR!.. NO SIRREE BOB!
NOPE, NOTHING FAIR ABOUT IT! NOT A THING! NOT A CHANCE!!
IF YOU DON'T SHUT YOUR PIE HOLE, I'LL SHUT IT FOR YOU!
FAIR ENOUGH!

COW AND BOY® by Mark Leiknes

LOOK WHAT I PICKED UP AT A GARAGE SALE.
THINGS ARE REALLY STARTING TO HAPPEN FOR DEVIL'S EARACHE. YOU SURE YOU STILL DON'T WANT TO BE IN THE BAND?
AFTER ALL, WE HAVE A REAL GUITAR AND A REAL MANAGER.
MANAGER?
I SIGNED WITH COW THIS MORNING.
I ALSO PLAY PERCUSSION.

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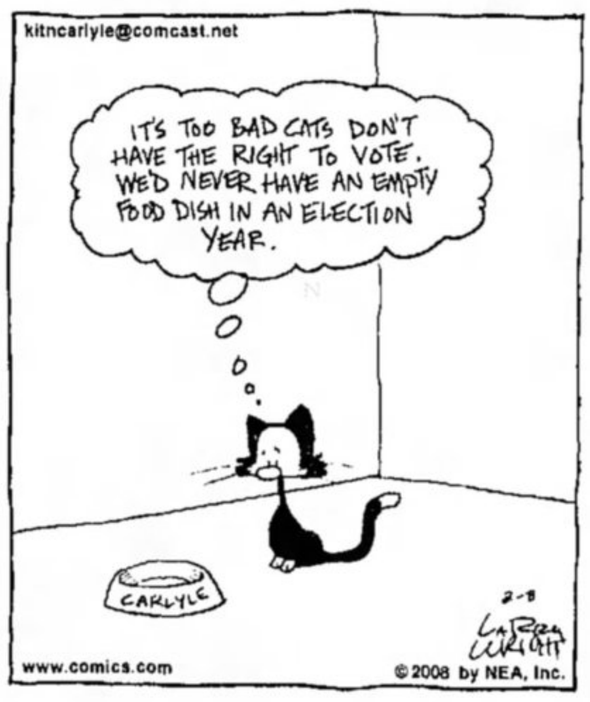
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IT'S TOO BAD CATS DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE. WE'D NEVER HAVE AN EMPTY FOOD DISH IN AN ELECTION YEAR.
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SOUP TO NUTZ® by Rick Stromoski

HOW COME EVERY MORNING WHEN WE SAY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, BILLY GETS UP AND LEAVES CLASS?
IT'S BECAUSE HE'S A JEHOVAH'S WITNESS...
OH...
YOU'D THINK THE COPS WOULDA SOLVED JEHOVAH'S CASE BY NOW...

BIG NATE® by Lincolin Peirce

HO! JENNY HAS SAYING SHE LIKES ME! SO NEXT WILL I ASK HER TO BEING MY GIRLFRIEND!
WHOA, ARTUR! HOLD IT!
YOU FOUND OUT LAST SPRING THAT JENNY LIKED YOU, BUT YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T INTERESTED!
IS TRUE
BUT THAT WAS LAST YEAR, NATE! THAT WAS LONG TIME AGO!
LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE GOOD OL' DAYS.

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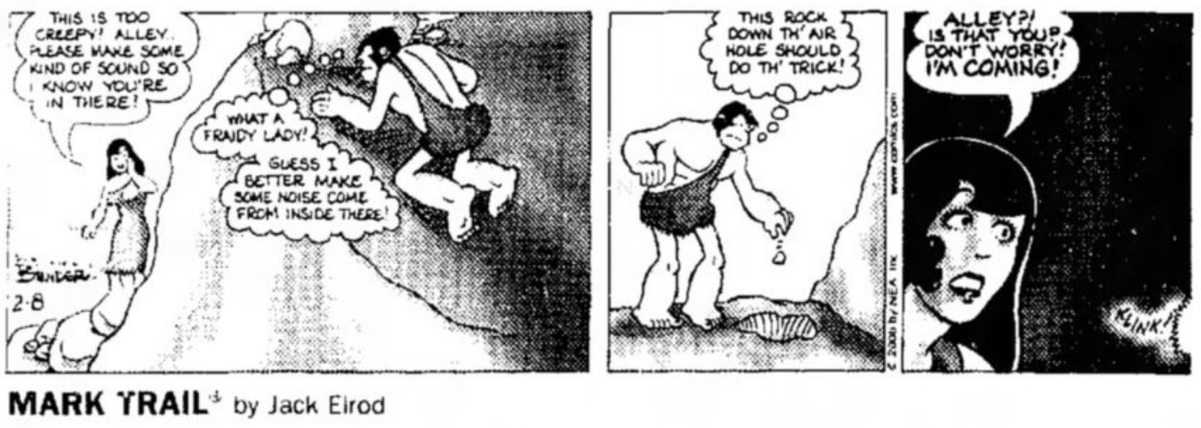
THIS IS TOO CREEPY! ALLEY, PLEASE MAKE SOME KIND OF SOUND SO I KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE!
WHAT A FRAIDY LADY!
GUESS I BETTER MAKE SOME NOISE COME FROM INSIDE THERE!
THIS ROCK DOWN TH' AIR HOLE SHOULD DO TH' TRICK!
ALLEY?! IS THAT YOUR DON'T WORRY! I'M COMING!
KLINK!

MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

TRAIL'S TRACKS LEAD INTO THE WOODS... WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TOO MUCH TROUBLE TRACKING MUDDY FOOTPRINTS!
HIS BIG DOG MUST HAVE DESERTED HIM!
LET'S LEAVE THE PLANE AND GO AFTER HIM ON FOOT!
HE HAS NO GUN AND NO CANOE TO COME BACK TO...WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND HIM!
JACK ELROD

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ACROSS

1 Wrestler's pad
4 Ring up
8 Whirlpool locale
11 Johann Sebastian —
12 Cameo shape
13 Regal emblem
14 Woody's son
15 Robin Cook thriller
16 Slow pitch
17 Get-together
19 Not clear
21 Brownie's org.
22 Pedestal
23 Light refractor
26 Hard questions
28 Atom fragment
29 Tater
31 Moreno or Rudner
33 Nitpicks
35 Unrefined metals
37 Calendar abbr.
38 *Guru*
40 Seaweed
42 Carpenter's item
43 Kind of humor
44 Burst forth
46 Pixies
50 Way of Lao-tzu
51 Salad bowl wood
53 Laid off
54 Sun Devils' campus
55 Fluency
56 Stonehenge builder
57 DJ's platters
58 Wheel tracks
59 Eur. airline

DOWN

1 Adult filly
2 Rights org.
3 Flip-flops
4 Hot drink
5 Stratford's river
6 Hasty escape
7 Andes ruminants
8 Joining metals
9 Urge
10 Advice columnist
11 *Candy shape*
18 Belief systems
20 Cyberspace visitor
22 Foreshadow
23 Fasten
24 Prowl
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26 Contented sound
27 Portico
30 Beach alternative
32 Wide st.
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36 Mumbai attire
39 Giggle
41 Words for songs
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45 Speak hoarsely
46 In a hurry
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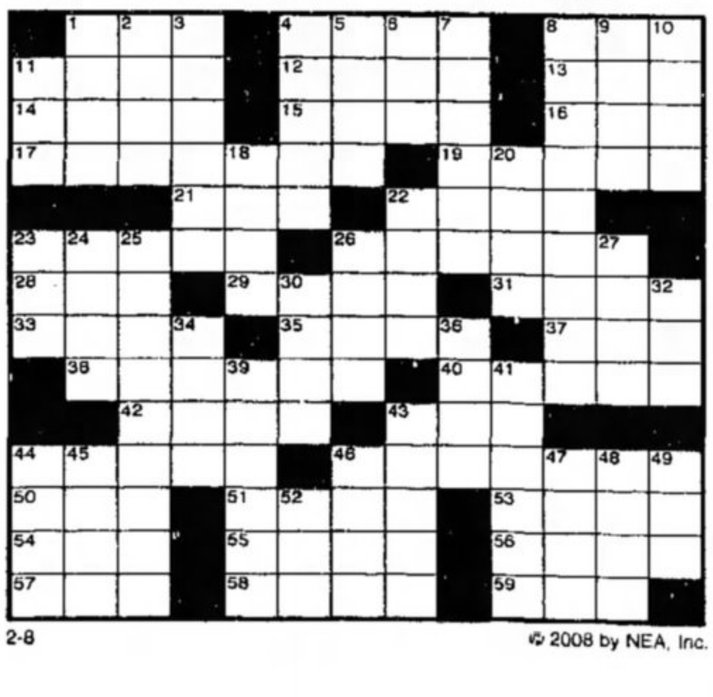

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